

Obsequium Rationabile,

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A Reasonable Service performed for the
Celestial Sign

SCORPIO;

In XX Remarkable Genitures of that Glo-
rious, but Stigmatized *Horoscope* :

Against the malicious and False attempts of that
Grand (but Fortunate)

IMPOSTER,

Mr. William Lilly.

By JOHN GADBURY, Student
in Physick and Astrology.

God, contrary to his merciful Nature, cannot be
so unjust, as to bind us inevitably to the Desti-
nies, or Influences of the Stars. Sir W. R.

*Si quis animas & corpora humana fatalibus Stel-
lis credit astringi, sicut Pagani & Priscillianus
dixerunt, Anathema sit.* Conc. Barac. cap. 9.

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If This

Service Performed for

S C O R P I O,

Be thought worthy to live in the
Breasts of the Learned and Ingenious,

It is my Cordial Wish, that the Me-
mory of my Honoured Friend,

Sir **HUMPHRY DOLMAN, Kt.**

(Eldest Son of the Honourable Sir Thomas
Dolman, of Shaw, near Newbury in
Berkshire, A Member of this
present High Court of
Parliament) Live
with it;

As a Testimony of the Honour and
Respects due to him from the unworthy
Author thereof.

John Gadbury.

7. 1. 1950



To all such Persons whether of
High or Low degree, whose
Fate it is to be born under the
False and Stigmatized, or rather
the basely escandalized Sign of
S C O R P I O.

S I R S!

B Eye dignified or distinguished by what
Names or Titles soever, it is ye that are
rendred by Mr. Lilly his black Pen, the
most wicked, vile and dangerous People
in the whole World. Ye are the hated Generation
that he hath advised all People to beware of. Ye are
that sort of men, that are, by him, stigmatized to be
both naturally and necessarily, the most destructive
to humane Society; and this meetly for the sake of
your Innocent Horoscope: although it be suffici-
ently known, that the Heavens do only incline,
and that but gently too. Ye are that Species of
Mankind (in Mr. Lilly his righteous eyes) which are
born to be Plagues of the Age ye live in. It is ye
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that must carry the Red Cross of Mr. Lilly his malice, and a Lord have mercy upon us, in your foreheads, that all men which see you, may for your Signs sake, flee and avoid you. Ye are that unhappy Tribe (if Mr. Lilly say sooth) marked by God and Nature for Reprobates, and those upon whom the Tower of Shiloh fell, compared to you, were Innocents. Ye are in a Word (as Mr. Lilly hath rendred you) scarce fit to be owned as any part of Gods Creation, but estimated as the Children of Darknels, and heirs of Hell it self. For, what is it less then for ye to be thought all this, and more, with Mr. L. when he hath reputed ye Malitious, False, Envious, Revengeful, Lyars, Letcherous, Arrogant, Ambitious, Perjur'd, Ingrateful, Lewd, given to all manner of Vice, &c.

It is high time for Scorpionists to awaken out of their Lethargy, and look to themselves. If they are the Sampsons he Writes them to be, let them Rouse up, for the Philistines are upon them in earnest. Mr. Lilly as much as in him lyeth, hath raised Enemies on every side against them. And were but his Almanack as Oraculous, or in that Credit as he could wish it, that alone, without either Witness, Judge, or Jury, were sufficient to condemn a Scorpionist.

If Mr. Lilly's black bill of Indictment brought in against Scorpio were true, it is as great a Crime for a man or Woman (for he hath branded all of both Sexes, and this without distinction) to have Scorpio, for their Horoscope, as it was for Dr. Lamb.

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Lamb to be reputed a Conjuror. And who knoweth but that Mr. Lilly's design may be (by this his charge) to doom all Persons born under that abused Sign to the same unfortunate end with him, viz. To have their Brains beat out by the giddy-headed multitude.

And really Gentlemen, I must tell ye, that if ye did believe Mr. Lilly to be true in that his most wicked and envious Charge brought in against Scorpio, ye ought to anticipate his malice, and take so much courage to your selves, as to become your own Butchers. For certainly, Persons of his Character (as he says ye all are for being born under Scorpio) can but faintly hope for any share of Heaven at last. And then to what purpose, should we that are born under so dismal an Ascendant covet to live.

It is such, and so sore a Note (if Mr. Lilly be in the right, which God forbid he should) of a child of Hell, to have Scorpio for One's Horoscope, that we need go no further then Mr. Lilly's Almanack to enquire after the mark of the Beast.

General Counsels, Fathers, and School-men, may cease to trouble themselves with Questions concerning Gods Decrees, Free-will and the like, since it is Argument enough for any one to have Scorpio Ascending at his Birth, to be predestinated an Heretick all his Life, and an Inhabitant of the Kingdom of Darkness after his Death.

It will be great pity if Mr. Lilly be not chosen Chair-man of the next general Assembly. He hath Astrology enough, (and that of his own making too)

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to ascertain them of such Truths that their Divinity will never be able to reach unto. And, if it chance at any time to be put to the Question, (as who knows what Question may arise?) Whether any Man, &c. born under Scorpio may be in hopes of Salvation? -- Let them but go by Mr Lilly his black Character of such a Person, and it will most assuredly be carried in the Negative.

Now, what Astrologer, nay, what Christian man is there, that can with patience be contented to connive at Mr. Lilly's boldness herein, albeit he had not Scorpio ascending at his Nativity? Must this Man be thus suffered to Rant and Rave at his pleasure? tax Heaven and Earth as guilty? and confidently pronounce the sentence of Evil, upon that which God himself hath been pleased to own eminently as Good? And, shall any Man that hath a veneration for the Truths of God and Nature, be either afraid or ashamed to unmask him, and lay open those his notorious Untruths, Scandals and Recriminations, thus charged upon a most eminent part of Mankind? Not to take notice of this his dealing by Heaven, and by Men born under a glorious part thereof, and reprove him for it, is not only to be guilty of that his black charge (either in part or in the whole) but partakes deeply of the Errour he is tainted with in the forging it to a wicked, if not to a murderous end. A crime, that not only a Scorpionist, but a sober Rationalist (though of a different Horoscope) ought zealously to abhor.

Plato (as quoted by Plutarch) naketh Providence superiour to Necessity, or Destiny, Mr. Lilly, if he

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he allow of Providence at all, placeth it below them. If Necessity in Mr. Lilly's sence be thus powerful, and bear such sway in our Actions, &c, As that Men born under Scorpio must be such, (by vertue of their Horoscope) may we not bid a farewell to Industry, Ingenuity, Reason, Order, Laws, &c. There is then no use of these things; For Men are no other then a brass Candlestick, or Joyned-stool; predestinated to such and such particular uses for such a time: Conduit pipes, to convey some trifling Messuage or other, to the World, wheth'r they will or not, and Exit. And according to this Doctrine Mr. Lilly hath not out of any wicked design, (may he say)--- but meerly by a compulsive necessity (a Law he could not avoid complying with) railed against Scorpio, and blasphemed God and Heaven.

And, here by the way, I would fain know of what use is Mr. Lilly's Astrology, if this his Doctrine of Necessity be true? as this rate, he that encreaseth in knowledge, encreaseth sorrow in earnest. And Solomons Simpletons in their foolish condition, are more happy then Mr. Lilly with all his impertinent and useless Science. Many things are necessary that are not of necessity. And thus was it necessary, that Mr. Lilly, for the undeceiving the World, should contradict himself in his railing against Scorpio, as the following discourse will plainly prove: but there was no necessity of it at all. It was in Mr. L's power to have prevented it And this freedom of will, Mr. L. acknowledgeth in an Epistle to a thing of his called an Introduction, to Astrology. And indeed, if my reason did not
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help to improve my Acquaintance with the Stars, as Ptolemy, and all sober Astrologers teach; in vain should I spend my pretious time in the study of them. According to those Witty Greek Verses, Learnedly rendred into Latine and English, by Sir John Suckling.

Εἰ μὲν ἦν μαθεῖν, Ἄ δὲ παθεῖν
Καὶ μὴ παθεῖν, Καλὸν ἦν το μαθεῖν,
Εἰ δὲ δὲ παθεῖν, Ἄ δὲ μαθεῖν,
Τὸ δὲ μαθεῖν, Χρὴ γὰρ παθεῖν.

Scire filiceret quæ debes subire,
Et non subire, pulchrum est scire,
Sed si subire debes quæ debes scire,
Quorsum vis scire, nam debes subire.

*If Man might know, The Ill he must undergo;
And shun it so, Then, it were good to know:
But if he undergo it, though he know it,
What boots Him know it? He must undergo it.*

If a Man's Prescience be of no advantage to him, Mr. Lilly's Books of Astrology are serviceable only for his own Reading but of no use to the World at all. Arts and Sciences are trifles; we bring our un-erring, and irresistable Destinies, into the World, with us, and carry our Fates in our Fore-heads. Or, how would Mr. Lilly have us to understand him? are Scorpionists only necessitated, and Persons of all other Horoscopes at liberty?

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What ever Mr. Lilly's malice had been against any one of that despised Horoscope, thus unworthily traduced by him, he ought to have been so just, (if at least he had believed himself, or would have the world suppose him a Christian) as not to have injur'd the Truth.

Admit, that some Astrologers have pointed out Scorpio to be a Sign of subtilty in the general; as they have Aries of Luxury, and Violence; Leo of Beastiality, Pisces of Effeminacy, &c. Yet is there no general without its Exception. Nay, let us admit further, that Artists do opinion, that Persons born under Scorpio, are not content (with Isachers Ais) to bow down to Mr. Lilly, and bear his reproaches, scandals, and contumelies. Nay suppose that some one that hath Scorpio ascending at his birth had injured Mr. Lilly, (which I do no way believe) must Heaven it self, which is only an Universal Agent be boldly charged, as the absolute and uncontrollable cause of Men's errors? will he be so wicked as to quarrel God because Men thwart and oppose him? This is a kind of monstrosity that a Scorpionist would disdain to own.

Nay, to favour Mr. Lilly fully according to his desire, what if I shall suppose that the Sign Scorpio is all out as bad as Mr. Lilly hath Character'd it? which is most false, as the discourse following doth sufficiently prove. What then? the Horoscope is but a single Cause; and Astrologers look after the Places of the Moon and Mercury, for the significations of a Native

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Natives Inclinations, &c. more then the Horoscope. And, for any one to conclude Men either vertuous or vicious, barely from the Sign Horoscopical, *vvhhat* is it but to *betray* the Interest of the whole Body of Art, for the sake of one particular, then the *vvhich* there can be nothing more absurd and ridiculous.

All Astrologers know, that sundry causes are required to the producing of one eminent effect. And lesser causes are frequently contradicted and overborn by greater, and so *vvholly* frustrated. But, *vvhhen* all the Principal Causes in a Nativity concur, the Astrologer cannot then be easily mistaken in his Judgment.

And had Mr. Lilly, *vvhhen* he charged Ingratitude, Perjury, Lying, &c. upon Persons born under Scorpio, but added--- It will so frequently fall out, if together therewith they had Mars in exact and partil Opposition to their Horoscope, (*vvhich* Aspect of it self, unless God please to prevent, is sufficient to persuse vice and intemperancy too much into a Native, as Mr. Lilly well knows) I should then scarcely have been his Antagonist, but would rather have concluded there might have been a colourable Truth in his guess, and that moderately well warranted by the concurrence of second Causes, and also by the Judgements of Astrologers: Yet this to be overborn too, if God had pleased.

Or had Mr. Lilly when he concluded Scorpionists
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to be guilty of *Letchery*, that beastly Sin, but sub-joined, (as he ought to have done) in case with this their Horoscope, they happen also to have an *Opposition of Saturn and Venus in their Genitures*: which Aspect doth frequently stimulate vitious desires and libidinous Inclinations; (And Mr. Lilly can tell you of one who hath that very position with aggravations.) Had he, I say, but so said, — I should have been shy and cautious how I had gone about to have been his respondent. For I do acknowledge to have seen more then *five hundred Genitures* of that very Position: and I know that the Stars, as *second causes* do incline, and that sometimes very strongly, if men shall not interpose their Reason against their Influences.

Or, had Mr. Lilly, when he charged Men born under *Scorpio* to be guilty of *Ambition, Arrogance, Feasting, Falsity &c.* — But added, if together therewith, they have an *Opposition of the Sun and Saturn, and the Sun among the Pleiades, and also Mars cutting their Horoscope by an exact Opposition*, as before; it had been tolerable in him, and I might have been (very probably) of Mr. Lilly his mind therein.

But, when Mr. Lilly shall maliciously go about to make one *single Testimony*, to be the sole adequate cause of *Falsity, Perjury, Ambition, Letchery, Lying, &c.* & this without an admission of all reasonable ag-
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gravations thereof on the one hand, and exceptions against it on the Other: He must pardon me, (and I cannot help it if he accuse my Horoscope as in the fault,) that I am of another mind, and have therefore thought fit hereby so to acquaint the world.

And, I have a strong Opinion, that all ye that are born under Scorpio, are of the same humour and persuasion with me. Be active then, I say, for your own security, and for the redemption of your Horoscopes Honour. Suffer not the Sun of Truth to be out shone by the Counterfeits false light of Error and confidence. Let your Enemies know by your Courage, Behaviour, and Demeanour, that Scorpio, as Scorpio, is not in the least agreeable to Mr. Lilly his wicked and untrue Character. It is a Crime equall to any that Mr. Lilly hath brought against Scorpio, for you to be silent in a Cause of so publick and universall Concern.—And, although I well know that ye all are equally concluded (with me) under Mr. Lillys egregious Scandall against Scorpio: yet, since I have great reason to believe that Mr. Lilly hath levell'd that his malicious and Envious Dart more against me in partieular, then (it may be) against any of you, which yet cannot acquit you from being concerned in that his violent and Virulent abuse, ——— I esteemed it, at this time fit to become his respondent, as well for the compurgation of my self, as in behalf of ye all: and, have accordingly presented these my Triviall Papers in the defence of Scorpio, to your Patronage.

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And to the whole *world* I submit *them* to be *Judged*
presuming I have made it so plainly to appear, that
Mr. Lilly in this his *black* and *unjust* provocation,
hath dealt most *unchristianly* and *unjustly* by *Hea-*
ven, by *Astrology*, by your *selves*, and by *me*-----
who am----- (Sirs,)

Your most humble *Servant* and *Fellow-*
Sufferer under these his *wicked*
Scandals.

From my Study, *Brick-*
Court, by the *Deans*
yard, *Westminster*.

Jo. Gadbury.

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 so sure, p. 11. l. 13. r. Issachers. There are many
 other littoral Errours, as mispointings, &c. Which
 the Candid Reader is desired to correct, as he shall
 meet with them.



*A Service performed for SCORPIO,
in XX Genitures of Persons born un-
der that extreemly injured, but yet most
worthy Horoscope.*

IT is not much material, or will it be any way advantagious to my present purpose, that I should insist any thing largely upon the *Nature of Heaven*, and enquire with *Empedocles*, whether it be solid? or, with *Anaximenes*, whether it's exterior parts be *Earthly*, &c? or, with others, whether the parts thereof do really and truly, in respect of themselves differ? or whether the *Signa Cæli*, the ever-glorious Signs of the *Zodiack*, *per se*, and in regard of their own Nature, and of the whole *Heavens*, do not evermore retain their *Nature*, *Original Substance*, *Essence* and *Properties*, although *per accidens*, they may seem to us that dwell upon the *Earth*, to be alterable and various.

Neither is it, or can it be, of much moment for me (at this time) to acquaint you, that the famous *Ptolemy*, and other Learned *Astronomers*, have ob-
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served, (*effective*, at least) that it is of the Nature and Essence of Scorpio (that prodigious and stigmatized Sign) to *infrigidate* and *moisten*, non obstante the many martial Constellations that are posited therein.

Nor yet, shall I trouble my self to observe, and prove unto you (unless occasionally) that the most powerful influences of Heaven, cannot cause an absolute necessity of Humane Actions ; they being of themselves subject both to intention and remission : and this even by *inferiour causes*, as they shall happen to prove either *Harmonious*, or *Discordant* unto them. And if it were not so, the Providence of God would be wholly taken away, and Mankind tyed fatally (and without all hopes of reprieve) to the will, pleasure, and power of the Destinies. Which Theme to defend, is not the proper work of a Christian, or indeed of any Man that owneth the Light of Conscience, or of Natural Reason ; (much less then of such as acknowledge a Deity :) but rather a task to be undertaken or attempted by the *Priscillianists*, and others of the same Feather, whose happiness is terminated in their *senec*, and whose Immortality is no longer-lived then their vainly indulged Carcasses. A sort of Men, that esteem it matter of Wit and Gallantry to incur the Churches ' *Αναδράς* ' ; and a curious sport, and pastime, to provoke God, and bid defiance to Heaven.

I shall not (I say) enter upon such curious but copious enquiries in this place, or at this time. (1.)

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For that I intend at the present no *large Treatise* but a *brief vindication* of the *Celestial Sign Scorpio*, and of all persons born under it, from the *Rash*, and *false Indictment* of *Mr. William Lilly* brought against both it and them. And (2) Because I am now about, not to convince the *publick Enemy* to *Starry Truth*, but to correct a *pretended Friend* to the *fyderal Science* for his gross, & uncharitable scandals and reproaches, cast upon the beauty of the *Divine Urania*; which not his *Science*, but *Prejudice* hath occasioned him to run into, and greedily to become guilty of. For it cannot but be esteemed a *superlative wickedness*, for any Man to presume to spit against *Heaven*, and to provoke his *Maker*, by endeavouring to blast an *Eminent part* of his *Creation*, with most notorious, loathsome, and to be abhorred *Epithets*, (let the pretence, or occasion of inducement hereunto be what it will) *terming that Evil*, which *God himself* hath pronounced *Good*; As if, with that *prophanè Spanish Prince*, mention'd in *History*, he were able either to make a *better world* or else could have advised how *this* might have been framed more *Compleat* and *perfect*, had he been but a *privy Counsellour* of *Heaven*, and permitted to have given his opinion in the matter at the first. Whereas, alas, all mankind must be driven into admiration of the *unfathom'd Wisdom* of that great *Architect*, who *worketh all things according to the counsel of his Will* if they once but duly and seriously consider, that this *Mundane Frame* or *Fabrick*, is of so excellent;

cellent a *Texture and Composure*, and is so choice and exquisite a piece of *Clock-work*: so glorious and orderly, as well in each particular, as in its general *Motion*: that should but the least *Pin* or *Particle* thereof be wanting, or any way amiss, or indeed of any other *Nature* or *Temper*, *Shape* or *condition*, or in any other order then it is, the whole *World* would suddenly run to *Ruine* and *Destruction*; and vain and ignorant *Man* must necessarily become a *Chaos* again:

But to come to the matter, and not detain you with too tedious a *Preface*, Mr. *William Lilly*, in his *Merlinus Anglicus* of the Year, 1673. being sufficiently known to have no great kindness for, but on the contrary to have born a long and continued prejudice unto One that hath the *Celestial Sign Scorpio* Ascending the *Eastern Finitor* at his *Birth*, is so bold and daring, as to endeavour to wound him through the sides of the *Heavens*: and so goes about wickedly to scandalize, distain, and traduce that, which he (most vainly) thinks can no way take the advantage of him at the *Law*, even the *Celestial Sign Scorpio* it self.----

These are his confident positive words, viz.

- ‘The Sign Ascending in this Figure (meaning
- ‘that of the Vernal Equinox for this Year, 1673.)
- ‘is *Scorpio* a Sign stigmatized by all Antient and
- ‘Modern Practicers of Astrology, to be of evil
- ‘signification, whether it concern the manners of
- ‘the Native in a Nativity, (Tautology is Mr. *Lilly*’
- ‘Birth

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‘Birth-right, not his crime.) or is the Ascendant
‘in any horary Question, or in the Revolution of
‘the World: it is *signum* (*signum* hemeant) *falsitas*,
‘*tis*, a sign of Falsity, denoting the Person to be Ar-
‘rogant, Ambitious, Ingrateful, a great Boaster,
‘Lyer, Letcherous, Perjur’d, given to all manner
‘of Vice and Lewdness, Revengeful, the worst Sign
‘of all the Zodiack; as to the Figure of the World,
‘what is true in the Microcosm, will hold in the
‘Macrocosm, *mutatis mutandis*. Thus far this in-
nocent Man is pleased to stigmatize *Scorpio*, and to
array all persons born, or asking Questions under
it’s Horoscope.

*Multis in est Canibus pro consuetudine natum,
Ut latrare magis, quam feritare solent.*

It will be hard for him, or any Man else to prove,
that *Scorpio*, or any Person born under it, have done
ought to purchase this unworthy and strange dealing
from him. Had this angry Man but soberly considered (before his unhappy Pen had been guilty of this
envious, but most false character of *Scorpio*.) some
few of the many notorious faults he himself hath
committed, (which not only his own blessed writings,
(and those a modest man would think sufficient to silence him for ever,) but the Books
of Mr. Gataker, Captain Wharton, Mr. Humphries,
alias Johnson, &c. Remarkably prove against him;
and that in such sort, and in so solid a manner,
as he will never be able to acquit himself

from, or clear himself of, (no, nor yet any for him, let him call in all his *Quacking Tribe* to his assistance,) as long as he shall live :) had he I say, but considered his own *numerous* (or rather *innumerable*) *fashoods, and sailings*, he would sure have been more wary, and careful, how he had thus confidently, and untruly, *charged a whole twelfth part of the Eternal Gods Creation, as to humane kind*, (perhaps more, for all *Astronomers* allow *Scorpio* to be a *Sign of long Ascension*, and more then two hours together arising, whereas some *Others* are not above three quarters of an hour.) as guilty of all the *various and villanous Characters*, that thus his *wicked Pen* hath produced.

Should I, think ye, do well to attribute all Mr. *Lillyes Errors, &c.* committed by him and in Print too, since 1644. unto his *Horoscope*, and so make Heaven the *Patroness of all his vile and wicked actions*? God forbid! Let him in these matters do what he pleaseth, and as it shall seem good in his Eyes, I will not take him for my President or Pattern so far as to follow him: His *Master* which thus hath set him at work, will, in the end, I doubt not, most assuredly pay him his wages.

By this his *presumptuous daring*, and *boldness of Speech*, we may reasonably judge that the *Man* hath forgotten himself to be *such*, and doubting his own Original, in this his height of Pride and Animosity, begins (possibly, in hatred to the *Innocent Sign Scorpio*, and to all People born under it) to believe

lieve, that some sort of humane births do not derive from the Heavens, as such; but that *Scorpio* (though ranged among the *Signs of Heaven*, as *Lucifer* was among the *Angels* that kept the ir first Estate,) is not a part of them, though in the same *Circle* with them, but rather, the *Tophet prepared of Old*, the local place of Hell it self, and none but *Devils* can (in this good Mans apprehension issue thence, or Men all out as monstrous and horrible. For what else can we esteem of the Men that are stigmatized with *Falsity, Arrogance, Ambition, Ingratitude, Boasting, Lying, Letchery, Perjury, Revenge*, all manner of vice and lewdness? As Mr. Lilly says, all Persons either born, or asking horary Questions under *Scorpio*, are.

The Authour of *Heresiography*, p. 119. tells us of a certain *Piccard*, an *Adamite*, who professing himself the *Son of God*, term'd all that were of his opinion *Freemen*, but those that were opposite unto him *slaves*, and he having planted himself with craft and subtlety in an *Island* on the *Lusmisious Lake*, gave *Laws* to his adherents, And on a time as was thought convenient, forty of these his *Subjects* with their *swords* drawn, set upon a poor unarmed *Village* adjoyning to them, and kill'd about two hundred of the harmless *Husbandmen*, whom they termed the *Children of the Devil*. I will not say, that Mr. Lilly, like another such a *Piccard* doth absolutely design so great a wickedness as to animate his *Saints*, or those of his *Tribe*, or *Faction*, to a massacre of

all Persons born under Scorpio, or that shall ask any horary Question under that Ascendant, yet this I will assure you, that if Scorpionists were such, as his prodigious character bespeaks them, they cannot expect reasonably any other quarter, then what the poor innocent Husbandmen, as you have heard found. And I leave the consequence of such a wicked dealing, and so gross a Characteristical abuse, so causlessly, as well as untruly urged, to Mr. Lillyes Conscience, and to his beloved Friends, if at least he, or they have any, to be considered of by them.

I remember Mr. Lilly in an Epistle to a Thing of his, which he calls an Introduction to Astrology, or Christian Astrology (the Man you may perceive with Balaam, hath a mind to be thought Godly, whatever his actions or merits are) tells his Readers, *That when he first began to study the Stars, he fortun'd on a Master therein, which he says, of all Astrologers was the veryest Knave.* Whether that his assertion be true, I will not concern my self to enquire. But certain it is, that *Knavery* in one Man, is no excuse for *Ingratitude* in another. And if he was the *Knave* which Mr. Lilly reports him to have been, he was yet Mr. Lillyes Tutor: and the *Knave* had been far better bestowed upon him by any other person, but it is no way becoming Mr. Lilly thus to adorn him, because he acknowledgeth himself *once* to have been his *Disciple*, and to have *learned Astrology at the very first from him.*

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There is a Proverb which says, *Qualis Dominus, talis Servus*. But I will not be so disingenious as to apply it unto Mr. Lilly; Only, this I will undertake to tell him, that there are some Learned and Ingenious Astrologers, (*and those none of the false and stigmatized tribe belonging to, or born under Scorpio*) which taking notice of these his endeavours used to bespatter and defile all persons any way concerned with *Scorpio*, have presumed, and that very reasonably to judge, that he hath imbibed (and perhaps is become intoxicated with) *some of that his Quondam Masters Principles*; and that he cannot well acquit himself from them, although he should reproach and stigmatize *Scorpionists* never so much. Howbeit, they unanimously conclude, that by what he hath done, he hath proclaimed himself to be a person of as *black a mind, as any Scorpionist whatever*, and guilty of all the *Ills*, that he says are the proper right and due of all or any of the *Persons born under the Scorpion*.

It was once in an *Ingenious Society* urged----- That Mr. Lilly, in this Declamation against *Scorpio*, and all persons born under it, or asking any horary Questions while that is upon the *Horoscope*, must be either *True* or *False*.-----If *False*, they all agreed, that Mr. Lilly was much to blame to broach it: because *Falsity* he says is a branch of a *Scorpionist*. If *true*, they were all of opinion, that Mr. Lilly was probably guilty of theft, (since

since all the Scorpionists Intellectual Goods and Commodities, (they meant of the same kind as mention'd in Mr. Lillyes charge,) might upon an Hue and Cry of Reason, be easily found in Mr. Lilly his possession. Nay, some urged, that they thought he was probably guilty of Murder too; and so having slain some poor Scorpionist might become Master of his Gold and Treasure. Let Mr. Lilly answer the Dilemma, and acquit himself from the Dint of it, he's Logician good enough, no doubt.

But to come more closely to Mr. Lilly, I say, that notwithstanding this his great and almost unpardonable provocation of all Scorpionists, I will modestly adventure to make this one generous proposal to him, (he may know by this, all Scorpionists are not so base, and narrow breasted, as his charge would maliciously render them.)--Let Mr. Lilly, or any one for him, any of those pittiful Fellows he hath given Books, and (I hear Moneys too, to abuse Scorpio and Scorpionists, (it shall be all one to me, so it be but done) let him, or them, or any of them, but produce me any one Anthour of Credit; either Antient or Modern, that hath thus stigmatized Scorpio, and all Persons born under it, or that have been proposing horary Doubts or Questions when that Sign hath been Horoscopial, as he most confidently Writes.-- And I will hereby promise him to retract and recal this my present dealing with him, in the defence of Scorpio and of all Persons born under it, and not only so, but I will become a Petitioner to Hea-

ven on his behalf; for this his most egregious offence committed against it, that he may be forgiven for the same: Nay I will, (in case he can but perform this) request all the Sons of *Scorpio*, and all other good Christian People of all *Horoscopes* whatever, to put up their Prayers for, and on the behalf of this their *unreasonable, unsought, and unprovok'd Enemy*. For to deal freely, I am all thoughts made up, and question it not, but that there have been before Mr. *Lilly's Days, Rebels against Heaven*; and I fear there will be so again, even when Mr. *Lilly shall be no more*. (And besides, I do not know what Authors Mr. *Lilly* may have the luck, or good Fortune to deal in; yet sure, he will neither be afraid, or ashamed to bring them to the light upon so laudable an occasion as this, wherein his Credit is so eminently concerned.)

But indeed, and in truth, I must be so bold to tell Mr. *Lilly*, and withall, seriously profess the same to the World, that in all my *Reading*, I have yet never met with any *Author* or *Practicer* (to use Mr. *Lilly* his own word) of *Astrology*, that hath thus stigmatized *Scorpio*, or any Person born under it, or any propounding Questions horary (he saith not what kind of Questions, or to what kind of Persons, or Professions of Men, so that we may understand him, as well of Theological, or Casuistical, or Medical, or Musical, or Mercatorial, as of Questions Astrological) when that Sign hath been *Ascending*, as he hath here done. Yet, if there be any such *Author*,
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Or *Practicer*, that hath with him, so *branded*, and *stigmatized* it, let him I say but produce either him, or them, for my *Conviction*, and for the honour and salvage of his own *Reputation*, and I will, as I have engaged, become, an Orator at the Throne of God, not only for his *Indemnity*, but for theirs also, that he shall be able in his own (supposed) defence to produce. For such also, (if any such there be,) must needs, together with him, stand in eminent need of *Heavens Amnestia*.

We will now come to consider the parts of Mr. Lilly his black charge, and then compare it with persons born under *Scorpio*, &c.

1. The first part thereof is general. It is a sign faith he *stigmatized* by all *Antient* and *modern Practicers in Astrology* to be of evil signification, whether it concern the manners of the Native in a *Nativity*, &c. If Mr. Lilly take his measures in the drawing up of this vile charge, from the *Holy Scriptures*, which pronounce all men to be, by *Nature*, the *Children of Wrath*; the *Scorpionists* need not be ashamed, (in such a fence) to plead guilty. For indeed not only those born under *Scorpio*, but, those of all *Horoscopes* are evil, do evil, think and imagine evil, and that continually. But, if he mean hereby, that, that part of the *Zodiack*, called of Astronomers *Scorpio*, is *Naturally* and *Essentially* evil, and thence hath an innate *Energy* of instilling evil irresistably into the minds, fancies and imaginations of men that are born under it, or ask Questions when
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that is *Herofcoping*, I must as confidently affirm liberty to *deny* it, as he boldly *presumes* to *assert* it : For to argue so, were to make *Scorpio* not a *Sign*, but a *cause* of *evil*, and so run himself into a palpable *contradiction*, as well as into an *Error*. For if it be a *cause* of *evil*, it must be either a *compelling*, or *contingent* cause thereof. If it be an *impelling* *cause* of *evil*, then *Persons* that are *born* under it, are thereby *necessitated* to *commit* *wickedness*, and need commute no other wise for it, but lay the fault upon their *Herofcope*, with *Chancer's Wife of Bath*.

I followed, ay, mine inclination,
By virtue of my Constellation.

But, if it be only a *contingent* *cause* of *evil*, it then only intimates that persons born under it *may be* *evilly disposed* : but then, what *may be*, we may say, *may* (as well) *not be* : As for instance, Clouds gathering together, may cause, or produce Rain, and they may not produce any neither, because it is in the power of the winds to dissipate those Clouds, and prevent it, for what *may be*, may easily be overborn ; and he that made the *Heavens* is not yet grown so old, but he knows how to *rule* them : and he doth daily afford mankind some proof of his *Power* and *Antocratority* herein. Mr. Lilly ought therefore to make good this his general Charge, viz. That *Scorpio* is a *Sign* yes,

yes, and a Sign *stigmatized* to be of *evil significati-
on*, &c. we'll favour him as to his Cause: before
he hope to win belief to his *Regiment of particulars*.
Which nevertheless, I will (as I promised) a little
examine.

2. As to the *particulars*, he lays at the doors of
all Persons *born under Scorpio*, or *asking Questions*
horary under it, *Falsity*, *Arrogance*, *Ambition*, *In-
gratitude*, *Boasting*, *Lying*, *Ltchery*, *Perjury*, *Re-
venge*, and *all manner of Vice* and *Lewdness*: Of
these somewhat severally, in brief, that Mr. Lilly
(and the Wor'd also) may the better see the wick-
edness of this Charge.

1. *Falsity* he saith is a badge of a *Scorpion*, &c.
Falsity is the counterfeit of *verity*, according to the
Etymon of the word. And a *false Person*, is to be
esteemed as one of *Plutarchs Sycophants*; one that
will break open, or unseal Letters to discover se-
crets, the better to help him to do mischief. And if
a *false ballance*, surely much more a *false Person*, is
an abomination to the Lord. If it be a *vvickedness*
(as a Learned Father I have sometime read of, I
think *Lectantius*), to conceal the fault of that which
a Man selleth, surely open, and publick, and pro-
fessed *falsehood* is *vvickedness* with a *vvitness*. Sene-
ca says, *Truth is to be delivered but one Way, but*
*Falsehood hath a thousand Masks to retail it self un-
der to the injury of humane kind*. It is reported
that the *Scythians* and *Garamantes* condemned such
to Death, as *Prognosticated* any *false thing*. I am
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doubtful, if what Mr. Lilly says of *Scorpio* be true, viz. That *Falsity* is the *Badge*, or *Ticket* by which it is known, that then Mr. Lilly hath *Scorpio* ascending at his Birth: for, he hath *Prognosticated* more then a great many false things to the World, and they are in Print to be produced against him too. But it is Mr. Lilly's happiness, that he liveth in *England*, and not in *Scythia*. The depraved Nature of Mankind is such, that *Persons* of all *Horoscopes*, not from their *Nativity*s, but by reason of their *Original corruption*, are often guilty of this crime, the more is the pitty, as the more is their sin. But Mr. Lilly ought to prove that *Falsity* is more a *Scorpionist's* peculiar, then it is any other *Persons* that is born under any other *Horoscope*, which if he cannot do let this his *Character of Falsity* return unto himself, and tarry with him until he shall be able to do it: and then if he find a *Scorpionist* deserving, let him confer it upon him.

2. His second particular charge against *Scorpio*, is *Arrogance*. To be *Arrogant*, is to be *Proud*, *haughty*, *Presumptuous*, &c. The wisest of Men, even *Solomon* himself, to check the *Arrogant*, hath affirmed----That there is more hopes of a *Fool* then, of him that is wise in his own conceit. *Arrogance* is a bewitching Fury, a continual Tempter; and the greatest enemy to *Prudence* that can be. *St. Augustine* says: that *Presumption* is the mother of vices, and like unto a great devouring fire, maketh every one to give back. *Imperiousness* is a Mans greatest

greatest Enemy, and (as the learned *Feltham* well observes) turns that servant into a slave, which moderation makes as an humble speaking friend. 'Tis a certain vice to be abhorred in all men, let their uncertain Horoscopes be what they will. *Peter Charon*, p. 149. maketh it the character of a presumptuous man, *imperiously to impose upon others, whatsoever himself believeth*. If this branch be therefore the property of *Scorpio*, it further proves that *Stigmatized Signs to be Mr. Lilly his Horoscope*. For never did any man write more *Arrogantly*, more *Presumptuously* than he, as that I can easily evince and that out of his own writings too, and do here profess my self ready to do it, if *Mr. Lilly* in his reply, shall give me but the least intimation that he desires it, of me.

3. The third particular character of a Person born under *Scorpio*, is *Ambition*. And this is a vice of a large nature or circuit, and encompasseth and containeth in it self many other vices, according to it's signification. It is a sweet and pleasing passion, which distilleth easily into the minds of men, but is not without pain got forth again. *Habet hoc vitium omnis ambitio, non respicit*. All ambition hath this certain vice, never to look back. The Glory of the ambitious man is soon turned to Infamy. Ambition is the mother of Superstition. What is it that Ambition will not practice, rather then let her Port decline. *Tacitus* says, *Aerarium ambitione exhaustum, per scelera supplendum erit*.

If a Man spend his Treasure ambitiously, he will supply it villanously. Vain Glory, ends in lewdness and contempt. So that to be ambitious, is to live viciously, and to dye miserably. And, to prove the *Scorpionist's* guilty, of this large and comprehensive vice, Mr. Lilly should have consulted *Solon*, before he had thus lavishly bestowed it upon them. *The whole Man, from Birth to Burial*, is but little enough to consider to make this Character good against any: except Mr. Lilly will be understood *Synechdochically*, and in that sense, all mankind come within the verge or compass hereof. *Semel infansimus omnes*. And herein I will not excuse Mr. Lilly himself, as guilty of Ambition at some-times, and I believe he will not be so disingenious to deny it.

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Ingratitude is a sin against Nature. For *officia etiam fera sentiunt*: (saith Charron) even wild Beasts have a feeling of good Offices done unto them. *Dixeris* (he goes on) *maledicta cuncta cum ingratum hominem dixeris*: thou speak'st all the Evil that may be said, when thou namest an ungrateful Man. How hard will it be for Mr. Lilly, to prove any Scorpionist guilty of this foul crime? how easie were it for me, (were I as malicious as Mr. Lilly) to bring Mr. Lilly himself within the verge of this vile character, and cast him into the same Pit that he hath digged for the destruction of all Persons born under Scorpio? I will instance but one for all. A Person that hath Scorpio for his Horoscöpe, hath (formerly) wrote four Books for, or rather in the defence of Mr. Lilly, which Books I can yet name, and would too, were it requisite; let Mr. Lilly tell us after what manner he hath requited him. Nay, what if I should say, that a Scorpionist was his best friend, in his greatest time of danger, viz. in Anno 1660. and, by refusing to do an office, that had been but just and justifiable also in it self, preserved his Writings from the fire, and perhaps himself from another place? was this to be guilty of Ingratitude?

5. Mr. Lilly's fifth particular charge against Scorpio, and all Persons born under it, is *Boasting*, the Scorpionist must be his *Glorioso* too. *Boasting*, is a part of *Pride*, by which any one endeavours to elevate or advance himself, vauntingly beyond his own merit, or the opinion of the World. *Boasting*

is a vice oppos'd to valour. The largest *Boasters* have ever the least courage. And for a man to fill his mouth with *boasting*, is to load his name with *lander*. *Ripley*, in his time reprehended the *boasting* tribe wittily, by terming them, what they truly were, viz. a sort of people that would prate—

Of Robin Hood and of his Bow,
That never shot therein I trow

Let *Bessus* boast of *Battles*, whilst *Mardonius* fights the enemy, and brings the Captives home in Triumph. There is a kind of *Glorying* of which a Man need not to be ashamed, and *Ulysses* in some things may be prefer'd to *Ajax*. But *boasting* in the worst sence, as Mr. *Lilly* here intends it, certainly is a vice fit to be despised. And, how it happens to fall to the share of the *Scorpionist*, to be guilty hereof is to me a wonder, since *Scorpio* is the Dignities of *Mars*, and *Mars* is Author of true Courage. Sure Mr. *Lilly* hath mistaken himself in placing this Character upon the *Scorpionist*. Since if Mr. *Lilly's* *Astrology* be true, it rather belongs to Persons born under the Sun, ill dignify'd. See his *Introd.* p. 70. The Solar man is Arrogant, Proud, disdaining all Men, Cracking of his Pedigree, Troublesome, Domineering, a meer Vapour, Expensive, Foolish, endued with no gravity in words, or soberness in actions, a spendthrift, wasting of his Patrimony, and hanging upon other Mens charity, yet thinks all Men are bound to him, because a Gentleman born. So that

you see it is, not the *Martial*, but *Solar* Man ill dignified, that is given to *Boasting*, as Mr. Lilly against Mr. Lilly proveth; and Mr. Lilly casting this Squib at *Scorpionists*, hath robbed the Sun in one of his *Books*, to disguise *Mars* in another of them. Oh! how near am I to the returning Mr. Lilly's character of *Boasting* into his own bosom, and to the excusing of *Scorpionists* from so mean, yet foul a scandal? How many score of Mr. Lilly's vain boasts have I upon a file by me, ready to produce against him, and this out of his own books too? But I am unwilling to enter upon that so unpleasing a service to him, (although it would be a just duty to the World to do it) because I expect Mr. Lilly's *retraction* of his abuses cast upon *Scorpionists*, and upon the *Sign Scorpio* is self.

6. His sixth particular character, by which he says you may know a Person born under *Scorpio*, is *lying*. *Lying* is a vice directly opposite to *Truth*, and is a Fictitious manner of speaking used on purpose to *deceive*. It is a monstrous and wicked evil, that vilely prophaneeth mans prime instrument of Reason, his *Tongue*. It is speech that distinguisheth us from Beasts. A *Liar*, as the Wise Man saith, is an abomination to the Lord. A *Thief* is better then a *Man* accustomed to *Lying*: the one you may be ware of, the other is the *Colequintida* of Conversation; and there is no way avoiding being injured by him at one time or other. It is the most odious character that the Holy Ghost thought fit to express the

the Devil by, viz. That he was a Liar from the beginning, and the Father of Lyes. And without are Dogs, and whosoever loveth or maketh a Lye. The Egyptians had a Law among them, that a Liar should be put to death. It was the opinion of Cyrus, that a Liar deserved no pardon. If men knew the horror of Lying (saith Charron) they would pursue it with sword and fire. The first step to the corruption of good manners is the banishment of Truth. Epictetus says, that Lyes are the cause of all crimes in the World. A good man saith Cicero) will not lye, though it should be for his proffit. I will tell no lyes (saith Feltham) least I be false to my self. See here how vilely Mr. Lilly hath scandalized all Scorpionist's, and even Heaven it self. For by this character he maketh all Persons born under Scorpio, or asking Questions under the same, not only the worst of men, but equal to Devils. For to be a Liar in his sence, is to bear the Devils Character, as you have heard. And he doth not distinguish betwixt *Mentiri*, and *Mendacium dicere*. And, without this distinction, how excellently, how naturally, how truly, doth this character, by which he endeavours to render the Scorpionists the most hated people in the World, agree to his own railing writings and practices; and should he be judged by his own Books (without the gentle graces of allowance afforded by that distinction) he would appear as Cloven-tongued, as his Master Cloven-footed, and far more monstrous, then the worst of Scorpionists he can name.

7. His seventh scandal against *Scorpio*, and all Persons born under it, or asking Questions when it is *Horoscopical*, is *Lechery*:--- This is a vice in earnest; it killeth all good motions in a Mans mind, it is a furious, beastly, and unbridled appetite, and wholly destructive to vertue. It is in youth mischievous, and in age loathsome. It is reported of *Draco*, that the Laws he wrote against this sin, were not written with Ink, but Blood. The *Babylonians*, *Tyrchenians*, and *Messaliens*, were greatly spotted with this vice; abusing their bodies in such monstrous sort, that they were reputed to live rather like Beasts, then Men. The Law of *England* marks it as a hainous sin, the cause of many mischiefs, overthrow of Mens bodies, wasting of their livelyhoods, and the endangering their Souls. *Cooks Inst.* p. 3. fol. 205. So odious and dangerous was this vice reputed, that Men in making Leases of their houses, (formerly) did add an expresse condition, that the Lessee, &c. should not suffer, harbour, or keep any *Feme Putesne* within the said Houses. *Ethelred*, the 10th King of *Mercia*, a Princee much addicted to this vice, upon the reprehension of *Boniface*, Arch-bishop of *Mentz*, perfectly hated it. And the Nuns of *Coldingham* are recorded to have deformed themselves by cutting of their Noses, and upper Lips, to avoid being polluted by the Pagans, with this beastly sin. It is a vice of that large Latitude, (and therefore the more dangerous) that it enforceth us to cover beyond our power, to act beyond our Nature, and

and to dye before our time. With what brow can Mr. Lilly lay this deformed brat at the door of any Person born under the *Celestial Scorpion*? Let him, for shame, resume this his beastly sin of *Lechery* again. I assure him, and the whole World it is none of the *Scorpionists* due, as such; whatever Relation it hath unto himself. And I require it of him, that with the rest of his foul crimes, he make it plainly to appear, that a *Scorpionist*, as such is guilty thereof.

8. The good Man, in the eighth place, charges *Perjury* upon all Persons born under *Scorpio* too. I have the *Charity* (almost) to think that Mr. Lilly knoweth not what he hath charged upon *Scorpionists*; but his stomach being full and foul, he was resolved to vomit forth his filth upon that *stigmatized* *Horoscope*, and all person born under it, in any manner to disgorge himself. For by this charge of *Perjury*, it appeareth that he casts his scandals at randome, (as he doth most of his *Astrological* Judgements) and never studies for *Truth* or *Method*. *Perjury*, certainly is a most monstrous crime, and serves only to destroy propriety among Men. Before the *Conquest*, it was sometimes punished by death, (and truly I think it yet deserves to be so) sometimes by *Banishment*, and sometimes *Corporally*. It is a *Crime* often condemned in the *Scripture*; and an absolute breach of the ninth *Commandment*. And, I read of a *Parliament* that punished *Perjury*, though committed in a Court of *Usurped Authority*. My Lord Cook's definition of *Perjury* may perhaps en-

lighten Mr. Lilly to the understanding of his error in this his strange charge against *Scorpio*, viz. *Perjury* (saith he) is a crime committed, when a lawful Oath is ministred by any that hath Authority, to any Person, in any judicial proceeding, who sweareth absolutely and falsly, in a matter material to the issue, or cause in Question, by their own act, or by the information of others. And hence a false witness is called (saith he) *Perjurus, quia peperam juras*. And if Mr. Lilly can make it appear that any Person, or Persons born under *Scorpio*, is guilty of this vile wickedness, I hereby request him not to spare them, but let them smart for their villany, and that to purpose for indeed they do deserve it. And yet I believe Persons of every Sign, have been, and may be guilty of this destructive and ruinous vice, as well as the *Scorpionist's*. But Mr. Lilly, his charge of *Perjury*, as here urged, is wholly appropriate to *Scorpionist's*; and in such a manner too, as if all Persons of other Horoscopes, were not probable in the least to be tainted or stained herewith. And, if this his charge were true, there need no great trouble either to Parliament, Judge, Jury, or Witness to condemn a Person of *Perjury*, if he have but *Scorpio Ascending at his Birth*, it is enough in conscience to convict him of *Perjury*, and not only so, but of all other the notorious crimes, most falsly brought against *Scorpionists*, by Mr. Lilly in this his black charge.

9. His ninth particular Charge against Persons born under Scorpio, is *Revenge*, they are not only *Liers, Arrogant, Ambitious, Perjurd, &c.* But *Revengeful* too, that are born under Scorpio, or that ask any horary Questions under that Sign, when *Horoscopical*. I will assure you, Mr. Lilly by this his provocation of them, hath gone about to try whether they are *Pidgeon-liver'd*, or furnished with any such Commodity, as *Revenge*? yet, I do not hear of any great danger that Mr. Lilly is in, by reason of any of them. And it will be hard for him to prove a *Scorpionist*, as such, guilty of that *Cowardly effeminate passion*. The *Revengeful Man* is next of kin to a *Murthverer*, nay, is one, he is *bloody*, because he fears, not knowing how to secure himself. *Cuncta ferit, dum cuncta timet*: he smites all, because he is afraid of all. *Cowardly Dogs bite and tear with their Teeth*, within doors the skins of those wild Beasts, which in open field they durst not look upon. A *Revengeful Man* is ever full of injustice, and a tormentor of the Innocent. *All this (saith Haman) availth me nothing, so long as Mordecai sits in the Kings gate*, Esther. 5 v. 13. Let Mr. Lilly make his own application hereof, and tell me, whether it be not the wicked Principle of *Revenge*, that hath animated him to the drawing up this soul, but false Charge against all Persons born under Scorpio? And if it chance to prove true, then

then, in case he finds any *Scorpionists*, as *such*, guilty of this crime, I desire him not only to throw one, but an *hundred stones*, to witness against them, his own *Innocency*, and their *Guilt*.

But we are now arrived at the *last part* of his charge against all Persons born under *Scorpio*; and that, as the first part thereof, is only *general*. Yet, as if he had not spit venom enough against that much *abused Horoscope*, for conclusion, he here says, 'That Men and Women, (he includes all) that are born under *Scorpio*, are given to all manner of vice and lewdness, that being the very worst Sign of all the *Zodiack*. Here you see he charges both Heaven and Men together promiscuously. This is to the purpose in earnest, though nothing to the Truth. And, for this his *conjunctive charge*, I shall have occasion hereafter to account with him: But at the present I will tell him of a short story, which is somewhat pertinent to this his charge against *Scorpionists*.

I remember to have read of King *Philip* of *Macedon*, how that on a time he assembled together the most wicked and debauched People among all his Subjects, and put them into a Town which he had on purpose built for them, and called it *Ἰπποκρίτων*, or the City of Wicked Persons. Now, that Mr. Lilly may be wholly acquit of the Company of all Persons born under *Scorpio*, or asking Questions under the same *Ascendant*, I would have him to Petition for a like *Edict* against them; and that he may have the ho-

honour of building a City at his own charges, for them to inhabit and dwell in: and let it be called, not Σκορπιου πόλις, but Αἰαντινός, after his own name, as a *signal* and *Eternal mark and token*, not of his honour, but of his eminent hatred to all Persons born, or asking Questions under that pernicious and destructive *Horoscope*, termed *Scorpio*. And that his design may be the more compleat, let him give the *Emblem* (he hath *Johannes Angelus* by him) of *Saturn* in opposition to the *Sun* and *Venus*, for the *Arms* of this his new built City, and *Scorpio* for the *Crest*. And if he please, he may cause to be engraven this *Motto*, or *Sentence* under them---

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So leaving the examination of the particulars of his charge, brought in against *Scorpio*, and all Persons born under it, I return unto my general task again.

It is *strange Doctrine*, and *stranger Astrology* to me, that *Heaven* which is but *one* in *Nature* and *Essence*, in respect of it self, and of God that made it, should be said to be guilty of to great and dismal a charge as Mr. Lilly hath wickedly drawn up against it. To Article thus against *Heaven*, or any part thereof what is it, but to make it an absolute and impelling cause of all those heinous and
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Prodigious, and to be *abhorred mischiefs*, that men do, or can commit; or that this his false charge contains? As *Arrogancy, Perjury, Lethery, Lying, Revenge, Ambition, Ingratitude, Lewdness, Falsity*, and (as you have plentifully heard) *all manner of Vice*? And, all this, without any the least *proviso*, or fair *distinction*, or *Exception*?

What is it else to do thus, but to render the most *Holy Seat* of the most *Holy* and *Tremend God*, a place of *Horror* and *Blackness*? to pervert the habitation of the *bleſſed Angels*, into a *Tabernacle of Devils*? to turn the *reſting place* of the *faithful*, into a *Deſert of Deſtruction*? to transform the *Church of the Elect*, into the *Source, Sink, or Seed-plot* of all *terrene unhappineſs*! And, not only ſo, but thereby, alſo, from an *infallible and unavoidable conſequence*, to make *God* who is the fountain of all *Goodneſs*, and *Bleſſedneſs*, to be the *down-right* and *absolute Author* of all the *wickedneſs* in the *World*?

Nay, is not ſuch *Doctrin*, or *Science*, as this which Mr. Lilly here introduceth, ſufficient, to make the *Heavens and Stars* (which are but *Second Cauſes*, and the *Inſtruments* by which *God* governs the *World*,) not only *Competitors* with *their*, and *our Maker*, but *above him too*, in *Influence* and *Energie*? *God* threaten's *Ninevah* with *deſtruction*, yet upon *repentance*, they are preſerved from the *Decree* of his *wrath*. But if a man be *born under Scorpio*, no hopes for ſuch a one is left at all; he muſt be a *Liar*

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Arrogant, Perjur'd, Ambitious, Letcherous, given to all manner of Vice and Lewdness,, and this without reprieve. Oh ! unfortunate wretches, that are, not only born under, but are at any time asking Questions under Scorgio ! Ye are of all men the most miserable ! Lo, Mr. Lilly hath found out a way to Deify the Stars, and reprobate men, as he pleaeth. What honour he hath done herein, to God, the Truth, Christian Religion, or the Stars, I leave to the world to Judge, and to his own heart to consider.

It is not unknown to me what *Astrological Authors* do say of *Scorpio* ; and those both *Antient* and *Modern* ; and I am well satisfied of *their Reasons*, though not so well of Mr. Lilly's *Malice* therein. I also know, (and would have Mr. Lilly believe, that I understand what I say ;) that it is a very rare matter for any one to find a *Fool born under that stigmatized Horoscope* : And yet I have frequently found, *Persons born under every Sign of the Zodiack, to work wickedness, and for their misdeeds to come to untimely ends.* But, what then ? Must we impeach Heaven for such miscarriages of men ? or rather blame the wicked Actions and Inclinations of such *Natives* that thus come to suffer ? It was truth it self that spoke it. — *Oh Israel, thy Destruction is of thy self, but in me is thy help.* And if any man be tempted, he is drawn away of his own *Lusts* and *Enticed* thereto.
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But surely this cannot be, according to Mr. Lilly's *Doctrine*, if *Scorpio* be their *Horoscope*. The fault is *Scorpio's*, and our actions and Inclinations, being moved by the impelling Influences of that *wicked Sign*, are no way to be blamed. For *Perjury, Arrogance, Lying, Lethery, Ambition*; and all manner of *Vice and Lewaness*, are all lodged in *Scorpio*, and if Men come to be guilty at any time, of any of them, either in *thought* or *Act*, it is *Scorpio*, it is their *Horoscope*, that is to blame, not they. *Job* might well curse the day and services of his birth, if his *Horoscope* were the *absolute*, and alone *cause* of his *unhappiness*: and all Persons suffering contradiction and crosses, may very reasonably quarrel their *Stars*, and give small thanks to Nature for their miserable being.

Let us examine a little what *Authors* say hereunto, and *prove and try* Mr. Lilly his charge against *Scorpio*, by their writings, and then let the World consider, whether it be of an *Inscription*, or *stamp current*, and fit to pass, and to be owned or believed among Men.

First, *Ptolemy* himself teacheth, that a wise Man may rule the *Stars*. Nay, he tells you how too, with submission to Divine Providence) in his *Centiloquium*. Which if true, were *stigmatised Scorpio*, so notoriously bad as Mr. Lilly hath rendred it, yet, the Person born under it, or asking Questions under it, is not necessitated to partake of all, or any the sad, dismal, and wretched parts of that his wicked

ed and malicious charge, for their being so torn, or for their propounding Questions when that Sign is upon the Horoscope.

The Learned Haly, Gauricus, Jur. Etine, and many others, (as Ch. Heydon, in his Book against Mr. Chambers, reckons up) do all with one consent, teach, 'That the Heavens do but incline, cannot enforce; 'because they have no direct power over the Will 'of Man, from whence all humane actions, as from 'their Original, flow. And they also further teach, 'That whatsoever Heaven hath decreed, need not 'of necessity come to pass, either because the matter is not fit to receive the influence, or because 'humane affairs depend upon our will, or for that 'particular Destinies are overcome of the General; 'or Lastly, because Divine Providence being above 'Destiny, doth otherwise ordain and dispose of 'things, then the ordinary course of Heaven affords. --- And the same late quoted Learned Knight, p. 69. saith, --- 'That the Nature and inconstancy of all things is such, that they may be 'hindered or fail in some respect or other. And 'thence it is, that the impressions of heaven, are 'not necessarily received. This is Astrology that will bear the Test; but it is quite contrary to Mr. Lilly's; For his, like Quick-silver, flies as soon as it is touched.

Necessity absolute, belongeth only to God, and to things Eternal. And that Astrology which teacheth --- That the Influences of the Stars are fatal!

tall, Inevitable, and Compelling the vwill of man to wickedness, (and surely all Mr. Lilly's Regiment of Vices annexed to *Scorpio* can imply no other,) *Counsellors and Fathers might very justly Condemn and Anathematize.* Nor do I wonder in the least, at *Tertullian, St. Basil,* or any others, who have (seemingly) wrote *against Astrologic*, that they have condemned it upon such a score as this, for to impute the *absolute Regency of man's Life and Actions, to the Stars* in such a manner, is to give no respect, either unto God that made them, or yet unto *our own vills*, whom, both *Antient and Modern Astrologers* do allow, and teach, have a power to govern them.--- I shall also, for the future, forbear to admire why that Learned and honourable Assembly, the Royal Society, *Explode judicial Astrology*, if thereby they mean Mr. Lillies new manner of *Astrologic*, that he boatts he hath brought in request among us being (for the Truths sake) most willing to assist in the pulling up of all Falshood and wickedness by the Roots.

But alas! these Revilings of Mr. Lilly thus Printed against *Scorpio*, and against all Persons born under it, or asking of Questions when that Sign is upon the Ascendant; are only *bruta Fulmina*, vain and envious cracks and boatts, and every way as confused as *Thunder*, when scattered from the close cloud that imprison'd it. This his great Wind hath not shaken any *Corn* with the sober *Scorpionist*, whatever it may have done with Persons as

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Anti-Philosophical as himself. Nor do great noises, or pompous words prove any thing. He was a Person of Learning and Judgement indeed, that advised Men in their managing Polemical Disputations, *to use hard Arguments, but soft word*. Beasts bellow, and Ignorants hollow, but sober Men should speak by the *Chart of Reason*. And, if on this discourse, I any where *launch forth* beyond the Line of this *Rule*, it is when I find Mr. Lilly's provocations so eminently urgent and pressing, that I cannot avoid it, except I would submit him the *Argument* for his *noise* sake. But leaving this Digression.-----

What Astrologer is there that knows not, *That Universal Causes are of more efficacy and force, than particular Causes*? and that many particulars do frequently, nay always over-rule the fewer in number or power? And, supposing the *Horoscope* in any ones *Nativity*, to be never so bad, or never so much promising of good, yet is it but a *single Cause*, and capable of being *opposed*, or *sponsored* by other more *powerful Causes*; as every *Genethliacal Astrologer* very well knows. But what would Mr. Lilly have done for matter wherewithal to have furnished this his monstrous and untrue charge against *Scorpio*, and all Persons born under the same, &c. had he lived in those Days when *Scorpio* it self was not known, as in the Infancy of *Astrology* it was not, or if the Sign *Scorpio* had been called by any other name: Then surely Mr. Lilly must
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either have concealed his malice, or else he must most plainly have *pointed out the Man* that he thus fired his *Sarcasm* at: which possibly he thinks wisdom not to adventure to do now.

Again, if *Scorpio* were a *Sign* so bad and vitious as Mr. *Lilly* hath rendred it, and would fain have the World believe it to be, how comes it to pass, that neither the *Learned Cardan*, or the *Ingenious Morinus* (either of which were, doubtless, as good *Astrologers* as Mr. *Lilly*,) say not *one word thereof*? Hath Mr. *Lilly* received this *character of Scorpio*, by *inspiration*? Or have the *Sybels*, or *Mother Shipton* assisted him *therewith*?--- but Mr. *Lilly* in this his charge (though large and lavish enough, yet) is somewhat *wary*, and so he mentions not *Authors*, but *Practicers of Astrology*; and therefore it will be to no purpose for me to cite *Authors* for Mr. *Lilly* his conviction herein. Well, but what *Practicers should the Man mean* I wonder? Sure, he intends *only such*, that practice by help of his *werthy Introduction*; for it is now 29 years ago since that *Book* was first Published: and that is time enough with Mr. *Lilly*, to produce both *Antient and Modern Practicers of Astrology*. And I cannot blame Mr. *Lilly* if he shall desire to be tryed by such that himself hath brought up; for *such Creatures* are obliged to *swear* unto what Mr. *Lilly* shall say against *either Scorpio, or any other Sign*, &c. And so I doubt not but some of them will most readily do, to serve him. I have some where read of a

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Prince, or other great Person (I think in the *Persian Court*) that had lived long enough in the World to have all the Offices about him, fill'd with *Persons of his own begetting*: And it's said his policy herein was to prevent such injuries taking place upon him, unto which great persons are commonly obnoxious; conceiving those of his own blood could not but be much more naturally kind, and serviceable to him then Strangers. — Now, if Mr. Lilly have begotten as many *Practicers* in Astrology, by vertue of his *Pains* taken in that Science, as will but serve to make good this his too liberal charge against *Scorpio*, &c. he shall be reputed not only a *happy Man*, but a *Prince* in policy too. For I doubt me, there is no other way left for him to do it. And, in case he can compass this, if when he hath done, he can but vouch them to be *Antient* and *Modern Practicers of Astrology* also, *Erit mihi magnus Apollo*. Nay, Ile promise him, never to gape over an *Ovens month* any longer.

Haly, an *Antient Arabian Astrologer* is pleased to call *Scorpio*, an *humble and depressed Sign*. How Mr. *Haly*? an *humble and depressed Sign*! and yet guilty of *Perjury, Lying, Ambition, Arrogance, Ingratitude*, &c. surely it cannot be. Either Mr. *Haly* or Mr. *Lilly*, are in the wrong, but in this matter I should rather agree to, and side with Mr. *Haly*, because he was (by his works) the best friend Mr. *Lilly* had, in the Complement of his Introduction to Astrology, although Mr. *Lilly* now scorns to acknowledge so much.

Further, all Authours in *Astrology*, do conclude *Scorpio* to be an *Obedient Feminine Sign*, and so doth Mr. Lilly himself; in sundry of his writings. It should not therefore be of so prodigiously a wicked and vitious signification; as Mr. Lilly now pretends to render or rather *stigmatize* it to be. But, it may be, Mr. Lilly, like another *Manuian*, hath an equal kindness both for *Scorpio* and *Women*. Obedience is a *passive vertus*, (and surely much better then Mr. Lilly his *Sacrifice*, which he so frankly offereth up to be destroyed.) And therefore it's *significations* cannot reasonably be presumed to come within the compass of any, (much less of all) those *active vices*, which Mr. Lilly hath taken the confidence to lay at the door of *Innocent and abused Scorpio*, to *Father*.

Origanus, (a late Learned Authour in *Astrology*, and a Man that Mr. Lilly hath also been much obliged unto for his labours) in all that long Chapter of his, entituled, *de signorum Zodiaci proprietatibus*, hath not one word against *Scorpio*; nor yet any thing that doth any way favour Mr. Lilly in this his most *unjust*, but very *confident* charge. And yet, sure Mr. Lilly will allow him to be a good *Modern Authour of Astrology*, although it may be, not one of the *Modern Practicers* that he meaneth.

Let us hear what testimony *Johannes Angelus* bears unto this charge of Mr. Lilly's brought in against *Scorpio*, and against all Persons born under it. Which I will give you from Dr. Robert Turners English

English version of him, page 167. because the Latine Book is not very easie to be procured, viz. — *The Sign Scorpio* (saith he) *Ascending in any Geniture, signifies the Natives to be acute in youth, wrathfull, and subject to many misfortunes: but afterwards happy, and given to much mirth: But if Jupiter shall behold it with any Ray, he will then be famous, Religious, and Magnified for his great parts, &c.* — A quite different character from that of Mr. Lillyes. But Dr. Turner is himself a *Scorpionist*, and it's like upon that score, may be excepted against by Mr. Lilly. Albeit, I assure you, he hath rendred his *Authour* with all *Justice, Ingenuity and Candour*.

Observe the great modesty and prudence of this Learned *Bavarian*. He doth indeed say, *Wrath belongs to Scorpio*, (but that is no part, or Article of Mr. Lillyhis charge against it) *and misfortunes to such as shall be born under it, in the time of their youth*. That is, when the Blood and Spirits are Active, and the fancy dilating, &c. and of all Ages it's the most natural to that of Adolescence to be angry; especially if they meet misfortunes. But he addeth nothing of *Perjury, Lethargy, Lying, Arrogance, Falshood, &c.* unto *Scorpio*, all which (and more) Mr. Lilly is most confident & certain belongeth unto it. Besides, our *Angelus* very prudently and gravely teacheth, -- That although wrath &c. in the sense expressed, may belong to it, yet if γ happen to behold it with any Ray or Beam it is not only abated, but wholly frustrated and his own good significations

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shall rule and bear sway in the Person that shall be born under it. And very good reason there is for this; the influence of *Jupiter* for good, being ever superiour to that of *Mars* for evil; as all Astrologers consent.

Nor is this our Authour single in his opinion. For the Learned *Julius Firmicus* saith the same thing with him: whose words I will here exactly set down, *Si in m Horosc. Fuerit inventus, in prima aetate, faciet, iracundos, acutos, agiles, sed qui per multa infortuniorum genera ducuntur, &c. --- Si ipsum & aliqua radiatione respexerit, erunt quoque gloriosi, & a Diis praesidia sperantes, qui sacrorum, aut caelestium religionum sacramenta percipiant erunt etiam in externis locis, &c.* How was poor *Scorpio* understood in former times? and how is it understood now by Mr. Lilly? Certainly, Mr. Lilly keeps his Books by him only for a shew, (as *Polinchinella* doth his Puppets.) And scarce ever reads them, or else he could never have rendred himself so ignorant (to let pass his malice in this place) of what Authors (or Practicers) in Astrology have written in their works concerning *Scorpio*, and all Persons born under it. If Religion be opposite to all the black vices brought in by Mr. Lilly against *Scorpio*, and *Scorpionists*; then may that his charge (if at least it will serve for any sort of people at all) belong unto persons or Natives born under other Signs of the Zodiack, but not unto any born under *Scorpio*, in case *Jupiter* do but behold it, as say the Learned

cold, and moist: and so by reason of the *Constellations* therein posited; there being above one half of the *Stars* belonging unto that Sign, partly of a *Martial* & turbulent influence: (yet but one *Constellation* therein wholly ruled by ♄.) So that it is the heats of ♄ that is chiefly caution'd against in this, and all other *Axioms* of *Astrōlogers*. Thus Boetius, Aph. 37. ♄. Separata à ♄ accidunt rixae, contrarietas, mali rumores, dolores, ligamenta, mortes, effusio sanguinis, falsa Testimonia, &c. And Aphor. 46. ♄ juncta ♄ dies ingrata in omni opere. And Aphor. 58. ♄ in □ ♄ illendabilis in omni opere— in illa non est bonum nubere, ager mortitur, &c. And *Hermes* himself says, Aphor. 43. He who hath ♄ in ♄. Erit corruptor hominum, & sanguinis effusionis amator. And Aphor. 58. he saith— Si ♄ fuerit almutar in Nativitate, & non fuerit junctus benevolis, signis. quod natus incendium patietur. And in Apho 3. Mars cum fuerit dominus ascendens in M. C. praebet nato dignitatem atque potentiam quibus cum injuria, & credulitate utetur, &c. And *Ptolemy* in Aphor. 55. ♄ adversus naves noxia vis imminuitur, cum neq; in M. C. neq; in uade timo est loco, in his enim locis navem corrumpit, praedonibus per vim occupantibus, &c. And Aphor. 84. ♄ cum est ascendens domi aut tempore capae possessionis praestitit secundo loco, aut copulatur domino secundi; multum damnum affert. Which very *Aphorism*, that most Reverend Prelate, Arch bishop Laud, was pleas'd to make use of in his Sermon, of March 17. 1628. at the opening of the *Parliament* to caution them against dangers and the heats of ♄ that were then approaching our (suddenly after,) bleeding Nation. I could multi-

ply *Instances* of this kind and from all *Authors* that ever wrote, unto you, that not *Scorpio*, as *Scorpio*, is any way noted for *dangerous*, but for ♂ his sake that rules it, and for some *Martial Stars* that are in it. So that it is Mr. Lilly's malice to *Scorpio*, (he having ♀ therein at his Birth in ♂ of his ☉ and ♀) and not *Scorpio's* due, or merit, that hath made him thus wickedly, not only against Authority, but even against common sense, thus to characterize it. And, for the *heats* of ♂ which all *Astrologers*, as well in their writing of *Nativities*, as of the *Weather*, *Eclipses*, *Comets*, *de generalibus accidentibus mundi*, &c. give caution against, they also, are capable of *alleviation*, and abatement, and no Man need to be a *Villain* unless he please himself.

Thus *Hermes Aphor.* 4. writes ♀ *configuratus malevolis, mutat eorum malitiam in bonum*, &c. And *Aphor.* 48. *Nisi benevolus Plana prohibeat, quocumque, dat Mars revocat*. And *Aphor.* 27. *Jupiter solvit ♀ malitiam quem admodum Venus Martis, ex multis aliis*, &c. too tedious to be recited.

But, *Hermes* hath another *Aphorism* viz. 9th. which seems to favour Mr. Lilly a little, and tax *Scorpio*, not for a *Horoscope*, but for the ☿ being therein, viz. *Rumores d. Eli ☿ existente in prima facie in mendaces sunt & compositi* (i. e.) reports spread when the ☿ is in the first face of ☿ are false and knavishly forged -- which *Aphorism* must be understood as the ☿ is not for ☿, but ☿ take, whose *heats* are to be avoided. For it's from an intemperate and ill govern'd heat, (as I before urged) that *Lyes* and *Forgeries* are spread and promoted. And that you may be assured that

that it is so meant by *Hermes*, and not otherwise, you may take notice, that there is but *one Constellation*, wholly and intirely *martial* in the *whole Sign of Scorpio*, and that is the *first face* thereof. Now, if *Scorpio* it self, simply considered, were thus to be character'd, why should not the presence of the ☾ in the other *two faces* belonging unto it, be as *dangerous* for such matters, as her being in the *first face* thereof? Let Mr. Lillie consider of this my *interpretation* of *Hermes*, in his *reply*, and try, if out of his *new manner* of *Astrology* that he boasts to have *taught* the *World*, he can convince me of Error: If he can produce but any tollerable Reason against me in this argument, I am ready to yeild him the bucklers. — Again, if *Scorpio* simply considered, were thus *fatal* to all people *born* under it, or *asking Questions*, &c. under it, then all *Legal* and *Religious performances*, or *Advice*, acted or given, while that Sign is on the *Horoscope*, or when the *Moon* is in the *first face* thereof, must be *dangerous* and *deceitful*, and no way fit to be *credited*, Which God be blessed, to the *honour* of *Scorpio*, and to Mr. Lilly's shame, we have daily experience of the contrary.

The Learned *Rothman*, in his 19 Geniture, as he is most ingeniously turn'd into *English* by Captain *George Wharton*, p. 123. tells us. — That *Scorpio ascending* gives the *Native* an *elegant acuteness* of wit, plenty of discourse, and often instilleth great virtues, which *Learning* and *right reason* exterminate.

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Here is a character that a *Scorpionist* need not be afraid or ashamed to own : not a word (though) of Mr. Lilly's malicious charge, doth Dr. Rothman establish. I agree with this Learned Authour, and could wish that all *Scorpionists*, when they shall have the bad fortune to be tryed upon *Lilly his black Indictment* may have no worle, or less Learned and Ingenious Gentlemen returned on their Jury. I am sure then, without stirring from the bar, they will return it *non billa vera, sed Ignoramus*. This Authour is a *Free-holder of Reason in earnest*, and understands the cause thoroughly, and is therefore fit to be empanel'd on this service.

Scorpio, saith he, *Often* (not always) *instilleth great vices, but Learning and right Reason exterminate them*. Most excellent and true ! But Mr. Lilly will scarce be contented with such kind of reasoning as this. With him, *Scorpio*, (as you have heard) is a *stigmatized Sign, the very worst in all the Zodiack*: and the Person born under it, is *Arrogant, Ambitious, Ingrateful, a great Boaster, a Lye, Letcherous, Perjured, Revengeful, given to all manner of vice, &c.* And all this (saith he) is true in the *Macrocosm*, as well as in the *Microcosm* in this Year of 1673. Because *Scorpio* is the Sign ascending in the *Vernal Equinox*. The good Rays of *Jupiter* which *Johannes Angelus*, and *Firmicus* urge, or the *Learning and Reason* most prudently acknowledged by *Rothmannus*, take no place with Mr. Lilly at all. Let *Learning and Reason*, and the good influences

ences of Jupiter, operate how they can, or upon whom they please; *Scorpio*, and *Scorpionist's*, are all that, which Mr. Lilly hath charactred them to be, and not otherwise. Gentleman! he over rules your *exceptions*, and returns your good *influences of Jupiter*, and *Learning and Reason*, unto you again, you may make your best of them. Mr. Lilly can very well spare them, and it is injurious to this his *all sufficient charge* to own any such things: His *ipse dixit* is enough to correct, not only you, but all other *Authors, Antient or Modern*. But as, for *Practicers of Astrology*, (such as you have heard of) he is confident they are all of his side.

Before we proceed to the producing of other *Authors Astrological*, to give their *vote* in the present difference; it is convenient to take notice, how that Mr. Lilly hath, not only abused all Persons born under *Scorpio*, or asking Questions under the same *Horoscope*, but all the People of the World this year, 1673. (mistake me not, I only mean of such parts of the World that agree to *Scorpio* on the *Ascendant*) for *Scorpio*, that *stigmatized Sign*, is now become the *Horoscope* in the figure of the World. So that all the Men and Women in the World (for you must saith Mr. Lilly, understand what is true in the *Microcosm*, is so also in the *Macrocosm*, *Mutatis, mutandis*.) are in this year, according to Mr. Lilly's blessed Doctrine, *Arrogant, Ambitious, Ingrateful, Boasters, Lyers, Letcherous, Perjur'd, Revengeful, and given to all manner of vice*. A mad

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World my Masters! If Mr. Lilly's Predictions be true, I am afraid that this *pestilent Horoscope* of *Scorpio* hath tainted Mr. Lilly in his Writings for this year 1673. which makes him thus strangely, and without either *Art or Reason* to traduce *Heaven, and the twelfth part of the World*. For if Mr. Lilly be an Inhabitant of this World (and one would think by his writing he were a subject of another) doth he not buffet himself, as well as bruise and batter *Scorpionist's*, and suffer his Pen to captivate his *Person*, and bring it within the *Perimeter* or *Circle* of his own character? But it is no new thing with Mr. Lilly, to contradict himself, as well as to abuse the World. But sparing him as to that, I now come to enquire further what Authors say concerning that *Lewd and stigmatized Sign of Scorpio*.

Ptolemy, (as quoted by *Junæine*) saith---*Si fuerit Ascendens Scorpio, exercitabitur in talibus, quod ipse idem erit causa sua infirmitatis*: and he gives the reason hereof.-----*Quoniam Arius, qui est altera domus Martis, erunt tunc domus sexta*. Well, what then? If a *Scorpionist* bring damage to himself, or be the *Author* of his own sickness, that is only an *injury* to himself and not to any other, and therefore cannot be branded with Mr. Lilly's *Character* for to come within the compass of that is not to be an *Enemy* to one's self, but to *Society*, nay to the whole *World*. He goes on-----*Si quidem fuerit tunc Mars bene dispositus*, (See here are exceptions still to the general rule.)

vel fuerit pars fortuna in sexta domo, significat quod erit fortunatus in his quae significantur per sextam domum. But how doth any of all this favour Mr. Lilly, in his black charge brought in against Scorpio? Truth be my witness, I am impartial in my Quotation hereof, because I would if it were possible, find somewhat of verity, in so long, and so foul a Bill of Attainder, brought against Heaven, and all the Sons and Daughters of Men born under Scorpio, by Mr. Lilly: nay, against all the People of Europe (himself and all.) In this year, as you have plainly heard it made good out of the very words of this *zealous solicitor, against the Honour of God, and the Truth of the Stars*, as they are dropped from his own Pen.

Dorckius, as quoted by the same Junctine says, Si ascendens fuerit signum Scorpionis, erit causa occursus infirmitatis innatum, et habebit litem cum mulieribus & substantiam ex terris & morientur amicorum suorum. Neither hath this Authour one word to favour Mr. Lilly, in that his Bead-roul of Wickedness, or in any part thereof, which he hath charged upon Scorpio, and upon all people having that Sign for their Horoscope.

Let us hear what *Hispalensis* says to the matter in question. cap. 18. *In cuius Nativitate ascendit Scorpio, cum uxore inimicitias habet it.* I know this to be remarkably true in a Person that supposes himself to have *Pisces* ascending in his Nativity; yet will I not refer it to his Horoscope barely. But you

you see how little, nay nothing at all Mr. Lilly is favour'd by these Authors in his charge against *Scorpio*. *Vuelius*, as quoted by *Junetine*, (for I never had the happiness to see the book) says,---- *Si fuerit ascendens Scorpio, plures litium suarum erunt cum mulieribus*, &c. This is as much on Mr. Lillyes side, as the rest, and no more.

There is not one of these Authors, that doth so much as favour Mr. Lilly in any part of that malicious and black charge by him exhibited against *Scorpio*, and all Persons born under it. No, not so much as by any fair or reasonable consequence. It is true, here is something intimated of Persons being born under *Scorpio*, their having *enmities and strifes with Women*, &c. but that no way reacheth to any part of Mr. Lillyes accusation against *Scorpio*. Besides, *such misfortunes happen to Men of all Horoscopes*; and may befall those of *virtuous*, as well as them of *vicious Inclinations and actions*. And so they ought to be, nay will be understood and constructed by sober and charitable Judges. And it is very rarely known that *Men and Women contend each with other*, except in some *parallel case* to that of *Joseph and Potiphers Wife*. But if any thing from any of these Authors urged would favour Mr. Lilly his charge against *Scorpio*, (which you see they do not in the least particle) still the Rules are but general, and general Rules. without their proper exceptions, are *purely Arbitrary*, and no way fit to be admitted (Reason sitting as Judge in the matter)

ter) to prove any thing in question; much less, to make good so notorious a charge as this of Mr. Lilly's exhibited against *Scorpio*.

But to be just to my Readers, and to do Mr. Lilly some service, (though in the consequence it will stand him but in little stead, for it is an ill cause in earnest that nothing can be alledged in the defence of it.) I will produce that subtle Italian, *Guido Bonatus*, (who it may be was caught tripping in some grand error, by some one that had *Scorpio* ascending (for *Scorpio*, you hear, is somewhat acute) as Mr. Lilly himself hath been.) Which says, --- *That a Man born under Scorpio, is such an one*--- *In cujus ore vox aut nunquam invenitur veritas.* This would do Mr. Lilly a kindness, as to one part of his wicked charge against *Scorpio*, in case it were true: but then what must become of all the rest? But *Guido* can be no more true in this, that he hath said in his *heat* against *Scorpio*, then he, who sometimes said in his *hast*, --- *That all Men are Lyars.* But if we should admit of these words of *Bonatus* his to be true, yet do they not reach (as I said) up to the top of the Ladder of Mr. Lilly's black Imputation against *Scorpio*, by a great many Roundles. And I dare challenge either Mr. Lilly, or *Bonatus* (were he alive) to produce me but one quarter so many instances of Natives born under *Scorpio*, that barely from their Horoscopes are found as *Bonatus* his words import, as I have in the sequel of this discourse alledged, and am able yet further

to alledge on the contrary. And although I am no friend to *Polemicks*, I shall be willing to obey the *Summons* of any Man that shall fairly invite me to this service.

And now, that you may know, that it was *Bonatus* his heat, and not his Judgement that made him give this unjust and passionate character of *Scorpio*, observe what the same *Bonatus* says in another place viz. fol. 55. *Si ascendens alicujus Nativitatis fuerit Scorpio, significat largitatem & bonitatem animi.* Here you see *Guido Bonatus* hath changed his note, and is friends with the poor *Scorpionist* again, and esteems him a man *non infima classis*, but a worthy brave fellow in earnest. Of which character I would not yet have any born under *Scorpio* to be proud; for then Mr. Lilly catches him within the compass of his charge; and we know the Nature of his *merciless claws* full well. But not to loose honest *Guido* so; from the goodness and greatness of the mind, it is not probable that a Man should be so egregious a *Lyer*, as his first words import. For, we know it for a great and sacred Truth — *That out of the abundance of the Heart the Mouth speaketh.* A mind adapted to goodness and greatness, scorns to accompany lying Lips. *Bonatus* therefore (as I said) must be supposed to be guilty of Heat and Passion in the former quotation; or else, comparing it with the latter, of a palpable contradiction, and so no way serviceable to Mr. Lilly's wicked design.

I have taken this *pains* in producing so many *Authors in Astrology* (a dozen and more, I am certain) that Mr. *Lilly* may the more clearly see his *Error* or *malice* rather, thus Printed against *Scorpio*, as in a *Mirror*; and I should be glad, if it may work both his *Conviction* and *Conversion* too. For, it is *Truth I aim at, not victory*. And I will heartily thank Mr. *Lilly*, or any Man, if they will take the pains to make me understand, that I have the *stronger side of the Argument in dispute*.

There is no Man that hath read my many years *Writings*, but must know that I attribute as much unto the *Heavens*, as Mr. *Lilly* or any other Person ought to do; and this, because they are the *most glorious part of Gods Creation*. And my acquaintance with them, brings me the nearer to the *Knowledge of God*, and gives me the *more*, and the greater cause to admire him in his Attributes, viz. his *Wisdom, Power, &c.* But, should I study the *Stars and Heavens* to such an end as Mr. *Lilly* (I perceive) hath, or offer once to pick such matter out of them, as Mr. *Lilly* here doth; I might then most reasonably expect the censure of Men here, and the sentence of *God and Angels* hereafter; for such my wicked Presumption. If I have thus beheld the Sun when it shined, or the Moon walking in brightness, and my heart hath been secretly inticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand; This were an Iniquity to be punished by the Judge, for I should have denied the God that is above, saith Holy Job, Chap. 31. v. 26, 27, 28.

It was the error of the Penitent, (mention'd by St. *Augustine* after his Exposition of the 61 *Psalm*) to deny his own will to commit Adultery, but *Venus* her Influence; or that the fault was in his own Will to commit Murder, but the Influence of Mars, &c. But he repented saith this Holy Father, when he was touched in Conscience, and saw his Error. And so I hope will Mr. *Lilly* and his adherents, when they shall see theirs. And, for the more plain conviction of Mr. *Lilly*, and other Promoters of Destiny above a Diety, I will here take the pains to transcribe a Page or Two from the Learned Sir Ch. Heydon Knight, wrote in Answer to Mr. *Chamber's*, upon occasion of this Penitentiary's Error and Conversion, viz.

'The History of the Worlds Creation teacheth us, Gen. 1. 31. That God beheld all that he had made, and behold it was very good. That is as well the whole University of things, as every individual Creature consider'd by it self. And as every particular thing considered apart in the essence and property of their Natures, were endued with goodness, according to their capacity or ability to receive it: so likewise altogether did consist of that Symmetry and perfection, that a more perfect constitution of the whole, and the parts could not be imagined. And had the Nature of Man never been corrupted by the fall of our first Parents, and so maimed and deprived of those graces wherewith he was indued at the first; this

'divine Light had still shined upon him as the guide
 'and direction of all our Powers: the inward fa-
 'culties had still agreed in exact harmony to the
 'good constitution of the outward parts. And
 'the Nature of all superiour and inferiour things
 'would have answered to our temperature in a just
 'Analogy: the Elements and all Elementary
 'things being at the first exquisitely prepared to
 'agree with the Constitution of our Bodies, would
 'have still remained conformable unto them; and in
 'their constant stability and unchangeableness, not
 'only not have annoyed our bodies with any su-
 'perfluous or excremental matter, out of kind, or
 'hurtful to us, but still have maintained the natural
 'heat, and radical moisture entire and unspent.

'Thus also would the cælestial bodies have che-
 'rished them with their proportionable light, and
 'wholesome influence, to the relieving, confirming,
 'and preserving of the first constitution and frame
 'of our bodies, in the same state that they
 'had at our first forming. But afterward (when
 'as the word of God testifieth) the depravation of
 'Mans nature by Sin, had not only dissolved this
 'goodly Agreement of our inward powers, by foul
 'discord and unsuitness; but besides by means here-
 'of, further depraved and disordered the durable
 'temperature of the other members with an un-
 'proportionable distemper: the Symmetry also,
 'and consent of other parts of Nature, were like-
 'wise changed with mans condition, and became

'un-

'unproportionable unto him. Inſomuch that the
 'Earth itſelf through the curſe of God for our
 'ſin, was deprived of the former vigour, and
 'brought forth Thorns. The Action of the Stars
 'in this uncleannefs of our corrupted nature, be-
 'came unlucky and improſperous: the light of
 'Reason whereby we ſhould have guided the other
 'faculties, was almoſt totally Eclipſed; and the
 'power of our will, which ſhould rule the reſt was
 'now grown feeble and faint, and all our other
 'powers whatſoever, became diſobedient; ſavage
 'and irregular. Laſtly, as the Apoſtle teſtifieth,
 'Rom. 8. 20. The whole World by this means be-
 'came ſubject to vanity, and ſhall not be delivered
 'until Man be reſtored, and it with him. Where-
 'fore with *Melanchton* in his answer to the like In-
 'ference in *St. Baſil*, I may ſay that we ought to de-
 'plore theſe things in that error of the penitent
 'and rather to conſider, what excellency of condi-
 'tion our humane Nature hath loſt, and thereby
 'how grievous and evil ſin is, by which our tem-
 'peratures are become brutiſh: and not raſhly, and
 'without conſideration to throw the Stars out of
 'Heaven. For in this preſent ſtate of things, we ſay
 'not, that the Stars are cauſes of our ſin, (pray mind
 'it *Mr. Lilly*) by reaſon that though our inclinati-
 'ons riſe from them, yet they are not the ſole or chief
 'cauſes of our actions, but our will is the principle
 'cauſe thereof, which firſt was created in perfect
 'Liberty, by which it both had power to withſtand

'as still it ought to refrain all inordinate inclinati-
 'ons. For we do not constitute fatal necessity, nor
 'affirm that *Nero* was compelled by the Stars unto
 'so great and monstrous sins: But yeilding to his
 'Lusts, he willingly entertained those rages, which
 'the Devil more and more instigated, and so be-
 'came worse then his Nature (though bad e-
 'nough) had made him Wherefore as it was a
 'notorious Errour in the Penitentiary, who be-
 'fore his Conversion was deceived by the opinions
 'which the Heathen (not knowing God) had of
 'the Heavenly bodies, to refer either vertue, or
 'vice (which dependeth upon the Election of our
 'Will after deliberation) unto the Stars, as if they
 'did voluntarily enforce or compel us to do good
 'or evil; so was it no less a consideration of those
 'Fathers, that knowing the fall of our first Pa-
 'rents to have induced this disproportion between
 'our Natures and the Influences of the Stars, they
 'could not see where the fault rested, but forgetting
 'this point, falsely concluded, that while the Astro-
 'loger measured our Inclinations by the position of
 'the Heavens, of consequence he made both the
 'Stars, and God their Creator, Authours of our
 'sin, and not our selves. But if this which I have
 'said, may rather be thought of satisfaction to
 'Christians, to whom the Original of our own de-
 'pravation is revealed, then to the Natural Man, or
 'Philosopher, that guideth himself only by the
 'Light of humane reason, it shall be no hard matter

to shew, that this inference, *which imputeth ver-
tue and vice unto the Stars themselves, because they
are either efficient causes of our inclinations, or
causes by accident of our sins, is of no consequence.*

For it is false even in Natural Philosophy, to
affirm that natural Agents cannot effect that
which is not in themselves, sith it is confessed as
well by Divines as Philosophers, that there is a
double production of effects: One *Univocal*,
whenthat which produceth, is like the thing pro-
duced. The other *Æquivocal*, which admitteth
great dissimilitude in both. And this latter kind
of production is properly noted to agree to the
most *excellent efficient causes*: And thus, if first
we turn our eyes upon these inferiour agents, it is
no rare thing to find them naturally to effect that
which is not in themselves. For though (as Phy-
sitians teach us by experience) the Brain hath not
sense in it self, yet we know that it imparteth
sense to the whole body. Also, doth not the
Torpedo benumb the Fishers hand? yet is not the
Fish it self numb. Neither do we see the Load-
stone it self to move collaterally, or upward; yet
learn by experience, that it moveth Iron either
way. And to ascend higher to those Heavenly
superiour Agents. What is here contained un-
der the concavity of the Heavenly Spheres so
unlike the Sun, as a Frog, a Mouse, a Fly, a Ser-
pent, a Fish, a Fowl, a Plant? which nevertheless
experience in *equivocal* Generations proveth to

' be procreated by the vertue and efficacy of the
 ' Sun. The Philosophers deny the Sun to be either
 ' hot, or fire: yet we see the Beams thereof pro-
 ' jected through a Spherical viol of Water, or re-
 ' flected from the center of a concave glass, pro-
 ' duceth Elementary fire, and burneth the Object.
 ' Inlike manner the truth it self, and experience
 ' testifies, that the *Lunatick doth follow the course of*
 ' *the Moon*: yet no Man hereupon was ever so
 ' brain-sick, as for this to affirm the Moon it self
 ' was mad. Wherefore in this case, that distincti-
 ' on which *Scotus* uleth, is not unaptly to be remem-
 ' bred, that *when we say the Stars are hot, cold,*
 ' *lucky, or unlucky, they are to be understood such,*
 ' *effective, but not formaliter.* For we must confi-
 ' der, that the operation of every Agent (according
 ' to the rule of Philosophy) is always answerable
 ' (not to the power of it self but) to the capacity
 ' and aptness of the Patient; according to which
 ' Rule, the Stars produce their effects, as the sub-
 ' ject or matter is, in which their influence doth
 ' work. For we see the Wine which is healthful
 ' and eomfortable to some, yet quickly to hurt the
 ' constitution of another that hath a weak brain:
 ' so the Sun doth soften and melt Wax, but stiffen
 ' and harden Clay. Yet no man for this affirmeth
 ' either the Wine to be drunk, or the Sun to be for-
 ' mally soft or hard. Wherefore by this I may
 ' boldly conclude, that although it be confessed that
 ' the Stars are efficient causes of our Inclinations,
 ' yet

yet there is no consequence to conclude them such themselves, as the effects which they produce.

Thus far this excellently Learned and Philosophical Knight. And sufficient certainly to convince any sober Man, that though we should in some measure allow Mr. *Lilly* his Petition, and grant unto him that *Scorpio* is as bad as he reports, and *stigmatizes* it, (which he sees even the most eminent Authors in *Astrology* are directly against, yet) it doth not follow, that Men born under it, or propounding Questions under it, are of necessity such as he hath maliciously and most untruly characterd them: Or yet, that the *Sign Scorpio* of it self, is any otherwise good or ill, then any other *Sign of the Zodiack*; and this not *formally* so, but in *effect* only: And such effect to be withstood and prevented, or enforced and augmented, even by the interposed power of our own Will.

Albeit, I will *concede* thus far unto Mr. *Lilly*, (and would have so done before, had he been but so ingenious as to have desired it of me) that *although the Nature and Essence of the Heavens, in respect of themselves, and of God that made them, and of all things super-lunary, are but one and the same; yet in respect of us that dwell on the Earth, they may and do appear of a different, yea (sometime) of a contrary Nature and Influence.* And this may well be collected from the words of our late cited Learned Authour; as also from Experience.----- And thus it is, and

and thus it comes to pass, that *Men have so various, dissimilar, and different faces, and complections, and are of as contray opinions, humours, tempers, and Inclinations* And from this reason it happeneth, that there is not *one hand to be discovered exactly like unto another*: No, although you should consult all that belong to an hundred thousand persons. And hence also it is, *that there are not two Men to be found that in all respects exactly do write alike, though they are taught by the same Master, and receive instruction from the very same Coppy.* And it was not only a more high strained piece of *experimental Philosophy*, but more natural and true, then it may be we are aware of, that the ingenious *Campanella* practiced, when writing to the *Cardinal Magaloti*, he endeavoured to put himself nearly into the same *Posture*, with that of the *crooked Cardinal*, that he might by that means the better meet his humour in the matter he wrote about. For, although there be, but *one Universal Soul acting in all Persons*, yet it's acting by different *Mediums*, and *Organs* in each Individual Man, our very thoughts thereby come to differ, and our Writings and Actions also. And from a *Contraction* or *Extention*, *Direction* or *Incurvation* of those *Organs*, we come to be often, not only *different from others*, but even from our *selves*. And from this reason it is, (with submission ever to that Divine Power, in whom we live, move, and have our being) *that there is so little Frindship and Cha-*

ricity in the World, and so much of Envy and contradiction to be found in it. We shun with earnestness Campanella's Philosophy, and strive to be the most unlike to others all we can, when as if we endeavoured to put our selves into the same shape and frame with others, we should the sooner meet a period of Contentions. And really, were not the Truth of God and Heaven so eminently concerned, I would not now endeavour to be, or appear un-like to Mr. Lilly, as indeed that glorious cause (being villified by him) doth in a great measure oblige me at present to be. To say nothing of his long continued prejudice, not in words, or thoughts only, but also most zealously acted against me. And in case Mr. Lilly, or any other for him, do find me tripping after the same manner, I desire them to retaliate unto me the same, or greater measure, if they please.

But to these Mundane differences again. Certainly he said truly, who said that in all respects, as to Men, *the same Position of Heaven doth never return again.* And some difference there will be found, even in the most *similar things* that be: as to instance, in the very Leaves of Trees (to pass over an hundred other things) (whose *Physiognomy* ought not to be slighted) there is to be found by a curious observer, a very plain and *Perceptible difference.*--- But these differences happen among *Men and Plants, &c.* not from any Innate disposition or *impulsive Fate* written in the Heavens or Stars,

Stars, under which both Men and things are born and brought forth; but from the divers and *various motion of the Caeſtial matter* (that animates and invigorates all things, and the ſundry and indifferent *Mediums* that it meets with, before it can perfect or compaſs it's Original intention, in framing and foſtering the Conception or Birth of that *Form* it firſt of all deſigns or aims to accompliſh and perfect. (*And nothing comes from Heaven but what is pure, untainted, uncorrupted: and impurity is wholly unfit for ſo excellent a work, as is the Generation of Forms*) So that if any one chance (for it is but a chance in reſpect of Men Ie aſſure you Mr. Lilly,) to be born *Crooked*, either in *Body* or *mind*, *ſhape* or *condition*; or happen to be any *other way* *mutilated* or deformed; it is an eminent Argument, that the *Caeſtial matter* from whence ſuch for a took it's beginning and being, was impeded by accidents intervening, and ſo was prevented of attaining to, or compaſſing of it's *firſt intention*, which was a *perfect birth*. For it is moſt true that the *Heavens* delight in thoſe things, or *Persons* moſt, which are the neareſt aſſimilated to *Perfection*. And it cannot be that, that which is *perfect, moſt pure and excellent in it ſelf*, ſhould any way *obſet* to the *promotion* of *impurity* or *imperfection*, unleſs by accident. The moſt excellent and lovely ſhapes, and forms of the moſt curious frame and texture, are moſt approved of, delighted in, and beloved by Men. And can we any way rea-

sonably think that *God* and *Nature* (which are the fountains of perfection) are less delighted in Objects that are the most beautiful, pleasant and perfect?

I will yet further concede to Mr. Lilly, (and it is an eminent and conspicuous Truth, as all Persons any thing read in Astrology well know.) (For I am unwilling to let go any one *Astrological Truth* for the sake of any Man, that shall abuse that honoured Science.) viz. That all persons which are born imperfect, mutilated, or vitiated in body or mind, are (for the most part, perhaps always) born at such times, when the *Azime, Void, Pitted* or *Dark* parts of the *Zodiack*, (I mean as they are so observed to be by Astrologers, in respect of us) are, either *Horoscopical*, or else the places of the *Luminaries*, or of the supreme *Hylics* in a *Nativity*. And it hath pleased God so to proportionate, order and dispose of things in the *Divine Oeconomy* of the *World*, for his own honour, and our good: That thereby he might the better, and the more naturally, allure us to be in love with order, and to avoid and fly disorder and confusion.

But now, I must withall tell you, that Persons born under any of the other eleven Signs, as well as those born under *Scorpio*, may alter the same manner (for it is all but accident in respect of us) become either crooked or vitious in
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mind or body; and yet no reason that the Heavens
or Signs should be subject to any such impeachment
as Mr. Lilly hath here brought against Scorpio, and
against all Persons born, or asking Questions under
it. And if I should make Mr. Lilly himself Judge
in the matter, and try Mr. Lilly by Mr. Lilly, and
bring his own Book for evidence against him, viz.
pag. 116. of his Introduction to Astrology, he will
appear every way against himself, and (in case he
should still continue his ill opinion of Scorpio) will
be found insufficient, short and unable, to make this
his strange and unadvised charge against Scorpio and
Scorpio's good. In the very Page quoted Mr. Lilly
himself acquainteth us, that Scorpio (that viperous
Sign as another ignorant fellow, as taught by him
calls it.) hath it's Lucent, Masculine, and fortunate
parts, as well as all other Signs. To wit, the fourth,
the seventh, the eighth, the seventeenth, the eight-
teenth, the twentieth, the twenty second, and thirty-
eth degrees thereof. All which degrees, if we
make Mr. Lilly himself Judge in the matter, are
much more friendly to humanity, then Mr. Lilly's
Character of Scorpio seems to intimate. Mr. Lilly
when he Pen'd his Introduction, was of one Opinion,
but when he writ his Anglicus for 1673. of ano-
ther: and it is not necessary, that a Person born
under a By-corporeal Heroscope, should be semper
idem. But yet it is no fault of Scorpio's, nor yet
of me (whom, of a Friend, he hath most unjustly
provoked to be his Antagonist,) that Mr. Lilly's

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contradicts himself in quarrelling Scorpio, and in drawing up this his *black and envious charge* against that, which in it self is a most glorious part of Heaven. And you see a great share, or portion thereof, was once by himself so allowed to be.

But now, to make it further appear, that Scorpio it self, and all Persons born, or asking Questions under that false and stigmatized Sign, (for they are the generation of *Vipers* in his Eyes, the *Perfidious*, the *Perjur'd*, the *Lyers*, the *Letcherous*, the *Ingrateful*, the *Ambitious*, the *Arrogant*, the *Lewd*, the *Revengeful*, &c. He hath dealt as bad (you hear by *Scorpius*, as *Sixtus Senensis* is reported to have done by his Enemies, who reckon'd up all the *Impieties of the Israelites*, and laid to their charge.) are most *unjustly accused* and *impeached*, and rendred the most dangerous of mankind, by the Pen of Mr. Lilly; I will here undertake to prove, by producing unto you the *Genitures of twenty Persons, born under that much abused, but yet generous Horoscope of Scorpio*. ——— Some whereof shall be of *Emperours, Kings, &c.* (But we are satisfied of Mr. Lilly his kindness for *Kings, &c.* And some others of *eminent Church-men, &c.*) And a third sort of them shall be of sundry other Learned and worthy Persons. And then, to make the Number even and compleat, I will present the Reader, with my own contemptible Geniture, I being born under the wicked, false, and stigmatized Sign of Scorpio, among the rest: That (my Geniture) being

being in all likely-hood, the only *Terriculum* that hath frightened Mr. Lilly into this frenzy against *Scorpio*, and (as I am informed, and have just reason to believe) is the alone unhappy occasion which hath thus moved him to Blasphemy.

And after a just and serious consideration, or examination of any or of all of them that I shall thus produce, I do really expect and require Mr. Lilly or any for him, (for he himself I have ever observed to be good at the Ascertive, but extremely bad at the Probative part of an Argument) if he, or they would have this his envious wicked charge to be allowed: that then either he, or they do re-joyn, and make it but conspicuously to appear that any one of the Persons hereafter mentioned, could or can justly be taxed as guilty of any the least black branch thereof, and I will (in recompence of such a favour, being unwilling to be brought under his Indictment of Ingratitude,) under my hand retract this my defence of *Scorpio* and *Scorpionists*. Nay more then this, I will (upon such a performance of his) promise him never so much as once to plead for *Scorpio*, or yet appear on the behalf of the Art of Astrology any more. Oh Bravi Jack!

But if Mr. Lilly cannot himself, nor yet any one for him, make good any part of this his *Envious* and *Malitious charge against Scorpio*, by recriminating upon any of them justly and truly, that I shall thus produce, (I will not require the whole of him, that being, I well know impossible to be

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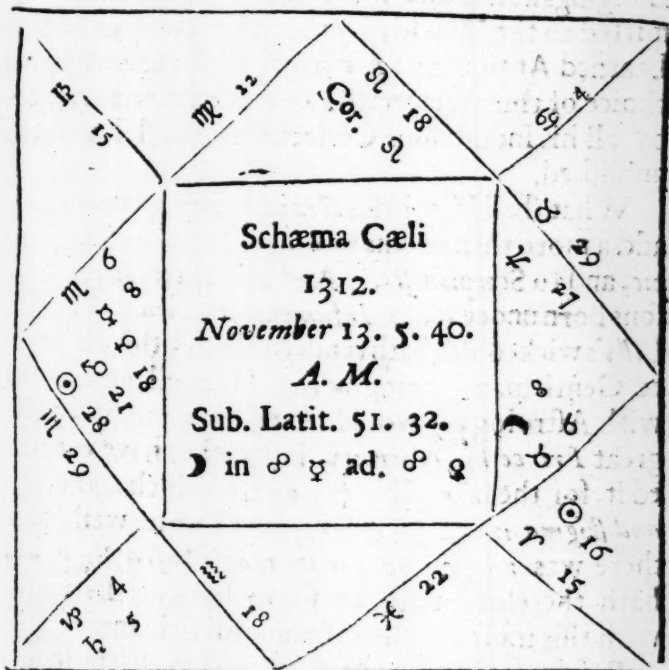
made good, although in Justice he ought to be compelled unto it, in case he hope to have the verdict in the controversy to be given of his side,) I shall then desire, (and it is but Reason) that this my defence of *Scorpio*, and of all Persons born under it, or asking of Questions under it, *may be registered, and made matter of Record on the file of the words remembrance, against both him, and his Envious Abettors* : thereby to acquaint all Persons for the future, that may have the misfortune to be led aside from the *Truth*, by Mr. Lilly's unhappy writings, that the *Glorious Sign Scorpio*, and all Persons born under it, &c. have been falsely charged, and maliciously and wickedly traduced, accused, affronted, and Scandalized by him; not only in this year, but in sundry of his Pamphlets of other years also. And, I do further request and pray, that this my defence (thus recorded) may be admitted and allowed, to pronounce and Characterize him the said Mr. William Lilly, an IMPOSTER and an Enemy to the Heavens and Stars, and to all those that have been, are, or shall be born under *Scorpio*, (which in a right Sphear are the twelfth part of Gods creation, but with us, no less then an Eighth part of humane kind) and also an Enemy to the Sacred and immortal Truth, that are issuing from the Stars, (and a back friend to Astrology it self, the Only Art that hath made him famous, and from an obscure beginning, as himself confesseth, hath raised him, and made him to be taken notice of for a man

of some breadth in the World :) for bringing in this his most wicked and unjust, and as he hath laid it, every way, most false and scandalous charge against Scorpio, and all Persons born under the same, or asking Questions under it:

And so I crave leave to begin with my *Twenty Demonstrative Genitures* of Persons born under Scorpio, produced for the further conviction of Mr. Lilly, and compurgation of all Scorpionists.

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1. The First Geniture of Scorpio is that of the thrice excellent and puissant Prince, King Edward the third of England, &c.



I have taken this Glorious Prince his Nativity from that most excellent and elaborate *Treatise*, entituled; the *Institution, Laws, and Ceremonies of the most noble Order of the Garter*: set forth by the

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Learned *Elias Ashmole* Esquire. fol. 644. and of it truth I doubt nothing at all, but am sufficiently confirm'd therein, because it was first found Painted in Glass, in one of the Windows of the Rebends Lodgings at *Windsor*; and thence taken, and transmitted to the World, by the excellent Pen of this Learned Antiquary: A Person most curious in his choice of things, especially of this Nature, as appears by all his Industrious Collections, in all his works published.

What shall I say? this *Geniture* being true, doth add a more then ordinary *honour* unto the Sign *Scorpio*, and to *Scorpionists*. And were *Scorpio*, or Persons born under it, so *Infamous*, and *wicked* as Mr. *Lilly's* wicked Pen hath rendred them; this Honoured Gentleman (being admirably well acquainted with *Astrology*) would never have published this great *Prince his Nativity*, but rather have concealed it, for the sake of his *Horoscope*, which is the false and stigmatized Sign of *Scorpio*. But he well knew there was no such danger in that abused Sign, and hath therefore thought fit to honour the world with this most excellent Prince his Scheme.

Besides its *Horoscope*, there is very little in it, that can eminently commend it unto the world. For *Mars*, Lord of the Ascendant is therein, *Combust*, and in opposition of *Jupiter*. And *Venus*, dispositor of the Moon, is not only in *Detriment*, but *Corporally afflicted* of *Mars*. *Jupiter*, he is among the *Hejaacs*, on the Cusp of the Eighth Angle

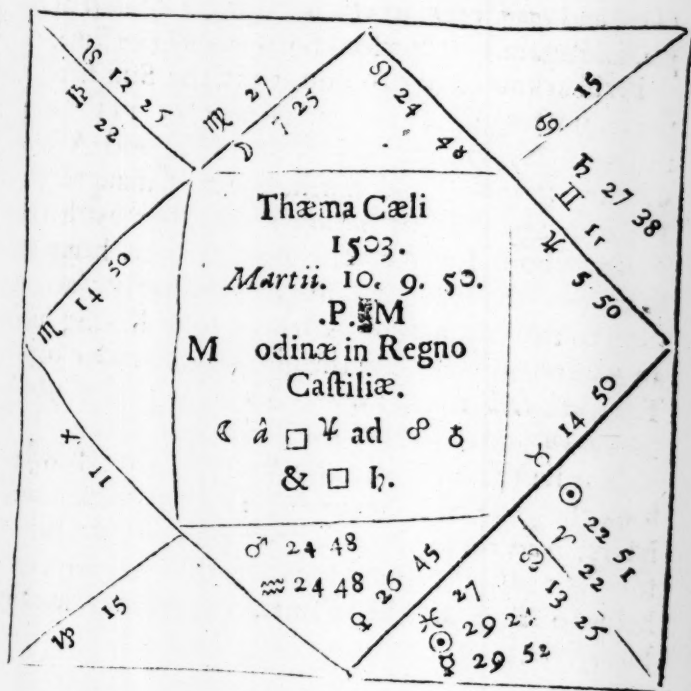
Angle, in opposition of them all. The *Moon*, she is in Partill opposition of *Mercury ex Angulis*. It is most plain therefore, that the *Eminent, Great, Glorious, and Immortal Actions*, of this *Eminent, Great, and Glorious Prince*, are principally to be desumed from his *Horoscope*, which is the *stigmatized, Perjur'd, Arrogant, and Lewd, Sign Scorpio*. Not that I go about to exclude the *exalted Moon* her being in trine of a *powerful Saturn*, nor yet of an *Angular Mercury* his being in exact *Sextile* of *Saturn* which is better then that, with *Saturn's* *Sextile Ray* to the *Horoscope*. All which had their *Operations and Effects*, according to their *Eminent Astrological* significations, in the *Honour, Actions, Inclinations, and Passions*, of this most excellent *Prince*, as well as his *Horoscope*.

Shall I acquaint you with some of the many Excellent Acts performed by this mighty Prince? It was this *Princely Scorpionist* that first instituted the Noble order of the *Garber*. It was he that first Created *Dukes in England*. It was he that first appointed all *Plea's in Law* to be made in *English*. It was he that first of all forbid *Peter-pence* to be paid to *Rome*. It was to him that the *French King* offered fourteen hundred *Towns*, and three thousand *Fortresses in Aquitain*, upon condition that he would render up *Calice*, and all that he had in *Piccardy*. cum multis aliis, &c. Of his Princely Acts.

But now, to *some* of his *many Pious Ones*. It was this good minded and *divine Prince* (notwithstanding the *Energy* of his *Horoscope*,) that built an *Abbey near the Tower of London* of the *Cisteraux Order*, and another for *Nuns* at *Dertford* in *Kent*. It was *He* that built *Kings-hall* in *Cambridge* for poor *Schollars*. He founded an *Hospital* at *Calice*. He built *St. Stephens Chappel* at *Westminster*, and liberally endowed it with means. He augmented the *Chappel* at *Windsor*, and made provision there for *Church-men*, and for *four and twenty poor Knights*, &c.

Say *Anti-Scorpionists*! are any of those *Actions* any way allyed to the *black*, *odi o*, and *dismal Character*, that *Mr. Lilly* hath bestowed upon *Scorpio*? What *Prince* or *Emperour* did ever greater, or more noble, valiant, *just*, or more *Pious Acts* than this our glorious *Native* born under *Scorpio*? Let *Mr. Lilly* read more of this *Great Prince* his *Acts* in the *English Chronicles*, as also in that excellent work of *Mr. Ashmoles* before mentioned, and when he hath done, let him blush for the *malicious* and *wicked* abuse he hath causlessly cast upon *Scorpio*, and upon all *Persons* that have been, or are, or shall be born under it.

2. The Second Geniture of Scorpio, is that of
Ferdinand, first King, afterwards,
 Emperor of the Romans.



This Princely Geniture I have taken from *Origanus*, fol. 642. It is also to be found in *Sexta ab Henninga*, p. 153. Neither of which Authors (nor yet any History that I could ever meet with all) do cast any Cloud or blemish upon this Princely Native,
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cast any cloud or blemish upon this Princely Native, or upon any of his Actions. This Nativity doth therefore serve, and that very aptly, to give a second Testimony against Mr. Lilly and condemns him of Malice, and Envy, and untruth, for that his black and monstrous accusation brought against Scorpio, and against all Persons born under the same.

I will acknowledge to you, that the Sun herein, in conjunction of Venus and Mercury, in the dignities of Jupiter, and they all being in good Aspect of the Ascendant and ninth house (maugre the Platique Quadrante of Saturn) together with the Moon, who is Lady of the Ninth, her being in Sextile of the Horoscope, might very aptly, (according to the Cannons of Astrology, he having such an Ascendant) give him the glorious Sir-name of—*The Catholick Emperour*.--- And also add *Castile, Arragon, and Naples* to his Title.

Nor let the Ingenious Artist think, that I overlook the great and formidable Trine of Saturn and Mars, from the dignities of Saturn and Mercury: for that Aspect eminently sways the Geniture, and helps to illustrate this Famed Emperours worthy Horoscope.

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I have taken this great Dukes Geniture from Learned *David Origanus*, de *effectib. Stellarum* fol 719. And he certainly Printe d itt, such a time, when he conceived there would scarce

scarce ever such an use have been made of it, as I am compelled to bring it in for, *viz.* To defend a glorious part of Heaven, and all Persons born under it from the envious and malicious insinuations of Mr. Lilly, and must therefore be reasonably acquitted from the supposition of being a party in this my present undertaking, on the behalf of Scorpio. Oribanus quotes the Nativity for a violent Death, which this Great Prince did suffer, and that by the treacherous and villainous hands of his own Subjects. Do you not see the Sun and Mars in opposition? The one Lord of the Medium Cali, and the other dignified in the Ascendant and sixth House? and the Moon also in the Ascendant with a violent fixed Star near Cauda Draconis, having her exaltation in the seventh Angle? And, is not Saturn in the eighth House? all which were, in an Astrological sense, arguments of a violent Death.

But though he dyed violently, he lived valiantly; and as History says, he added to the State of Millain, the Cities of Crema and Cræmona. And as if he had been born into the World for a more then common purpose (I mean in respect of his Princely birth) so was the time of his being born more then commonly noted; and that for this especial reason, *viz.* For that the Cocks at that time were observed to crow more then they ordinarily at other times are wont to do. Whence he was called Galeazzo Sforza.

Doctor Peter Heylin in his Cosmography is pleased to term him, a valiant, but Libidinous Prince.

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And I will not dissemble this his character of him, although it may seem to come within the compass of one *branch* of Mr. Lilly's charge against *Scorpio*. But what of this? Is *Scorpio* to be accused by reason hereof? Surely not: but rather, (if it be lawful in things of this Nature to lay an accusation any where beyond our own depraved Natures,) the *opposition* of Mars and Venus, Mars being in Leo; which all Astrologers seem to intimate of force (unless other ways contradicted, Ergo, not of necessity neither) to stimulate the concupiscible faculty, and to create in Men a more than common appetite and desire towards carnality. And so indeed Argol says, that ——— Mars oppositus veneri variis libidinis vitiis Natos implicat. p. 49. of Ptol. parv. And I remember Peucer in his Book de divinatione, says the same, and that more largely than this our Argoldoth.

Howbeit, this nothing taxeth *Scorpio*, or in the least favoureth Mr. Lilly in this his false and scandalous charge against *Scorpio*. Since, let the brave Sforza's Horoscope have been what it would, the *opposition* of Mars and Venus would have had the same influence and effects upon him, according to the opinion of Astrologers. Besides, I may reasonably suggest to you, that the Historical character of this great Duke, is aggravated from the Moon her being in Sagitary in his Nativity, and in Dexter-
srine of Mars in Leo, a Sign representing the Heart, and prime seat of humane affections, and we
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well know *what part in Mans body is Astrologically govern d by Sagitary.* Neither doth the *Quadrant* of Mars and *Jupiter* meanly assist or abet hereunto; *Jupiter* being in *great reception* of the *Moon*, and solely Lord of *delights and pleasures* (according to *Astrologers*) in this great Prince his *Geniture*.

If Mr. Lilly be not pleased with this my *Annotation Astrological*, let him write a *Judgement* upon this *Illustrious Persons Nativity*, and bring in *Scorpio*, if he can, to *undo all these significations* mentioned, and shew them to be of another tendency, and I will, not only give him my thanks, but be very ready to exchange my mistake for the Truth, if he will vouchsafe but fairly to convince me that I am in an Error.

4. The *Fourth Geniture of Scorpio*, is that of
Prince Maurice, Elector and Duke of
Saxony.



This Prince his Geniture, I have taken from
Scythia at Heminga, pag. 175. and do believe it to
 be more true then many others that he presents the
 world withall, in that book which he wrote against
 Astrology.

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History tells us, that this great Prince was more zealous in pursuing the work of *Reformation*, then was *John Frederick* his predecessor; and being found by the Emperour *Charles* the fifth, to be a person of greater parts then he; therefore it was, that the Emperour created him *Duke and Elector of Saxony*, in the room and place of him the said *John Frederick*. I hope Mr. *Lilly* will not esteem this his zeal for the Reformation to be a crime in him, although he was born under *Scorpio*, that perjur'd and stigmatized Sign.

But because it is my aim and design, as well to serve the Truth, as to convince Mr. *Lilly* of Error and Malice, I will not conceal any thing that may seem any way to make for the cause of my *Anti-Scorpionist*, but freely acquaint you, --- That though this Prince was installed Elector and Duke of *Saxony* by the Emperour *Charles* the fifth; yet afterwards (being in confederacy with *Baron Hedick*) he fairly helpt to beat the Emperour out of Germany. Let Politicians give a reason hereof, from the designs and contrivances that were then on Foot in Europe. I will only say this, that so he might have done, though any other Sign had been Horoscopical at his Nativity, and not *Scorpio*. Albeit Mr. *Lilly* possibly may be so bold as to bring him under his black Bill of Indictment prefer'd again *Scorpio*, and all *Scorpionists* for so doing, and so lay the foul crime of *Ingratitude* to his charge.

It would be worthy an enquiry, whether the

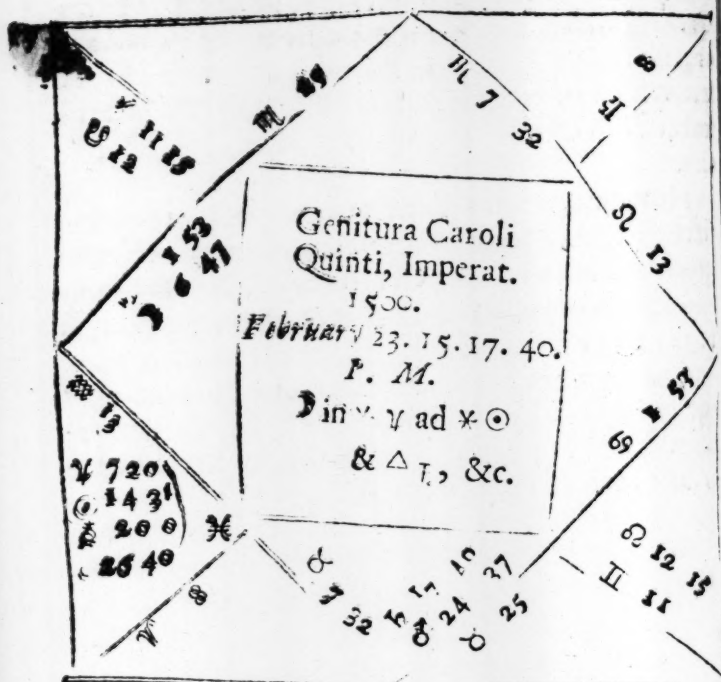
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Genesis of the City *Meydeburgh*, or that of this *Great Elector*, were most opposite to the *Palladium* of the Noble Emperour? And, there is a secret fate which rules the greatest Actions of the World scarce cognoscible to vulgar apprehensions or studies.

Howbeit, it is most obvious and plain, according to the Learned in *Astrology*, that there was a disagreement between the Genitures of the Emperour and this Noble Electoral Prince, as may appear, if but compar'd together.

And that the sober and ingenious Student may not be far to seek in the making of this his comparison, I will here produce you the Emperors *Genesis* also, which is as followeth.

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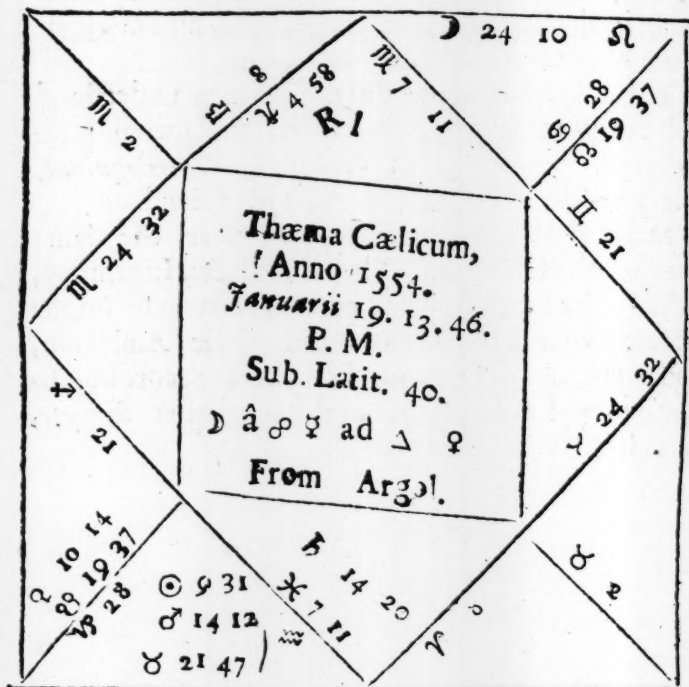
You may hereby observe, that the *Emperor* Charles, had *Saturn* and *Mars* in opposition to this great Electors Horoscope, and that *Mars* in the Elector's Geniture was in exact opposition to the Emperours second house. Enough one would think, according to Astrological Axioms, where Interest should be the cause of any small disgust, to breed a lasting and durable nay a destructive animosity.

mosity, (unless God had otherwise pleased) between them; and this, although the Horoscope of one of these Radixes, was the point culminant in the other. To let pass the *Moon* in the Electors Nativity, her being in the Eighth of the Emperours, and in opposition of his *Sun*, *Mercury* and *Venus*.

The noble Emperour did not perhaps understand Astrology enough to comprehend the meaning of the 49th. *Aphorism* of *Ptolemy's Centiloquium*, when he Elected Prince *Maurice* his Friend.

Mercury in both Genitures was near the same part of the Heavens. Their Intellects, Ingenuity, gifts of the mind, nay and common converse might be somewhat harmonious. but their Ambition, and particular designs might differ, according to the Rules of Astrology, and yet neither *Scorpio*, nor the Elector to be blamed.

5. The Fifth Geniture of Scorpio, is that of the Great Sebastian King of Portugal.



This great King was also born under the wicked stigmatized Sign Scorpio, as the noble Andrew Argol saith, from whom I formerly (*viz.* in my *Collectio Geniturarum*, Printed in Anno 1662.) and now again have borrowed it. He hath placed it in the second part of his book of critical days, in p. 37. This

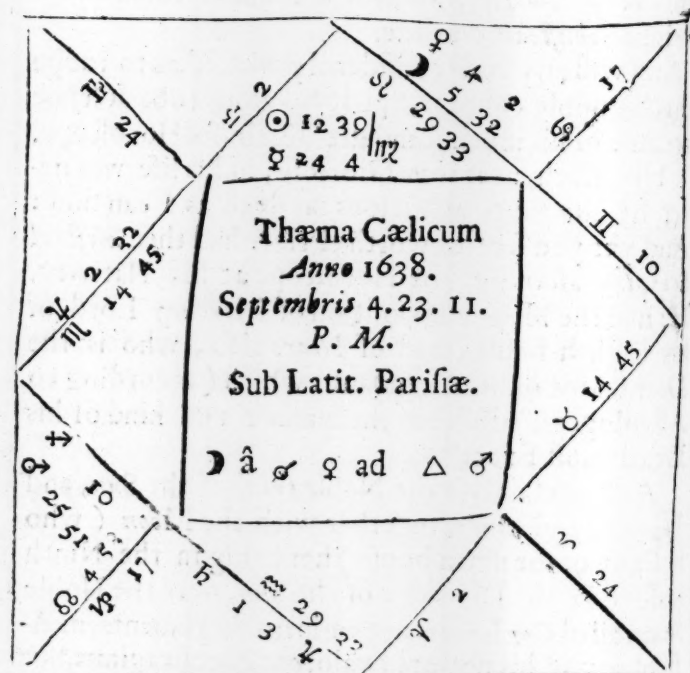
This Kingly Native (as History reports him) was a brave and valiant Prince, notwithstanding *Scorpio* was his Horoscope: And after having received several wounds both in his head and face, in the battle of *Alcassor* against the *Moors*, was unfortunately slain. Three Kings are said to have fallen in this very *Battle*, of which number this famous Prince *Sebastian* was one.

And will any be so confidently wicked, as to Judge this his noble courage, Spirit & valour to be a Crime because of his much scandaliz'd & abused Horoscope.

His death, as it was Glorious, so his life was never by any taxed as Vicious at least as I can find: And yet you see this worthy Prince had the *Celestial Scorpion* ascending the Horoscope at his Nativity. He had the *Moon* in opposition of *Mercury* Lord of his Eighth house, and of *Mars* also, who is the Dominator of his Ascendant: which (according to Astrologers,) declared the manner and kind of his Death most Exactly.

And certainly, the Noble *trine* of the *Sun*, and *Jupiter*, and *Mars*, together with the *Moon* (who is Lady of the ninth house) her being in the Ninth posited in the Dignities of the *Sun*, near the Noble Star called *Cor Leonis*, are eminent Arguments in Astrology, of his not only valorous & courageous, but most excellent and unspotted Life. All which were admirably true in this great Prince, *non obstante* the great and Gross Scandalls Mr. Lilly hath so enviously breathed out against his worthy Horoscope,

6 The Sixth Geniture of Scorpio, is that of the
Glorious and puissant French King, Lewis
the Fourteenth, as *Morinus* hath pub-
lished it in his *Astrologia Gallica*
fol. 555.



Let Mr. Lilly but consider how he hath blasted
Persons of the highest Honour and Grandeur, and
of the most glorious Fame in the World by this his
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Scorpio, and all Persons born under it, and then tell me whether he believes he hath done well in so doing. But Kings and Princes are his Tennis-balls, (as well as the Heavens and Stars,) and must be tossed and struck up and down, as he is pleased to bandy them with his black and envious Racket: I mean his infamous pen.

I confess there is some small difference between the Learned *Morinus* and my self, as to the part of the Sign Horoscopical in this great Princes Geniture; but as to my present purpose it is nothing material. For, both of us do conclude upon *Scorpio* to be this valiant and warlike Prince his Ascendant. And I am sufficiently satisfied (I believe Mr. Lilly will not be so) that it doth not meanly, but most remarkably redeem the credit of this despised and stigmatized Sign, that so great and glorious a Prince is known to have drawn his breath, first under it.

I therefore chuse to make use of *Morinus* his Figure of this great Kings birth, because in a matter of controversie, it is not reasonable that I should bring any thing for proof of the matter under debate out of my own works.

1. The *Seventh Geniture of Scorpio* is that of the Princess Royal, Daughter to King Charles the First.



Behold a Geniture very nearly the same with that of the great King *Edward* the Third. It commends the Princely Patroness thereof to the World by the Cœlestial Sign *Scorpio* (as did that glorious Print-

Princess Nativity) arising in the East at her Birth hour and minute.

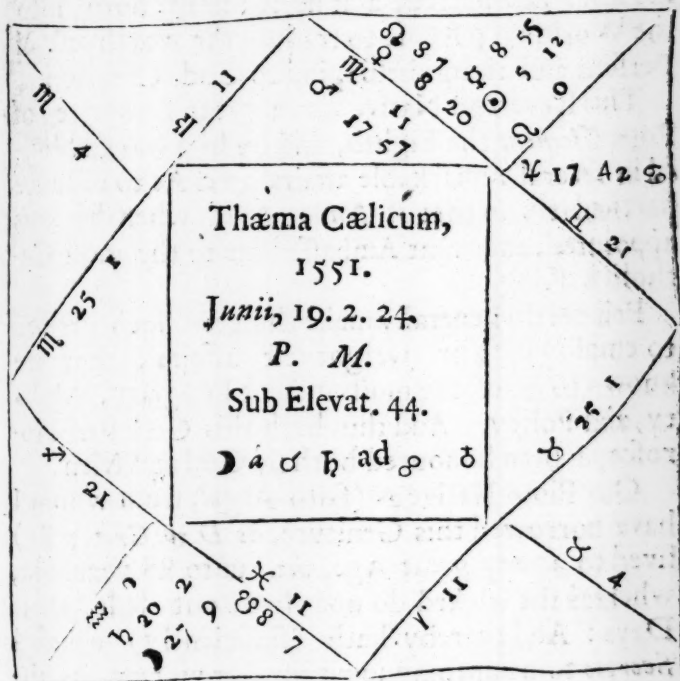
It is (I confess) somewhat different in time from that I formerly published, *viz.* Twenty eight minutes; which Error (having this convenient opportunity) I thought fit to correct, being assured from the relation of a Person of great Honour and Skill in these matters, that not the former, but this is the most true time of this Royal Princesses Birth.

If *Scorpio* it self should be admitted to be deserving of so vile and Malicious a Character as Mr. Lilly hath bestowed upon it, (for which his civil favour we have small reason to give him thanks) yet all the Planets in this Scheme being in amicable *Trine*, must naturally (if Astrology say sooth, unless contradicted by divine Providence) insuse a most noble Nature and inclination into this Illustrious Lady or Native; that Beam of Influence being, of all others, the most excellent, happy, and Glorious. But no Exceptions will take place with Mr. Lilly; in his Astrology all Persons under *Scorpio* are necessitated to the acting of all imaginable evils: And the Charitable interposure of greater causes, are by him and his disciples either Laughed at, or neglected, in case *Scorpio* be the *Horoscope*.

This great Lady was a Branch of a most excellent and Glorious Root, *viz.* the Daughter of that pious Martyr King *Charles* the first, and Sister to our present Gracious Sovereign Lord King *Charles*

the second: And was of her self, and in her own Nature; A Lady of so sweet an humour, and of so Obiding a temper and demeanor; a Princess of such Exquisite perfections, and of so clear, unspotted and unblamable a life and Conversation, that all that knew her commended her for, and Envy it self never durst, or did in the least once pretend to blemish. No! although her *Horoscope* was known to be *Scorpio*, and the *Illustrious* Family from whence she sprang, by the oportunities given by our late distractions and Confusions, was miserably insulted over, and that by the most Envious and Saturnine sort of wretches that ever were known in the World.

8. The *Eighth Geniture of Scorpio*, is that of the great Cardinal *Gymnasius Bononensis*.



Not only divers great and glorious Princes, &c. but fundry eminent Prelates and Church-Men have been born under the stigmatized vipers Sign of *Scorpio*. The most Honourable and Worthy Persons of all degrees, are made

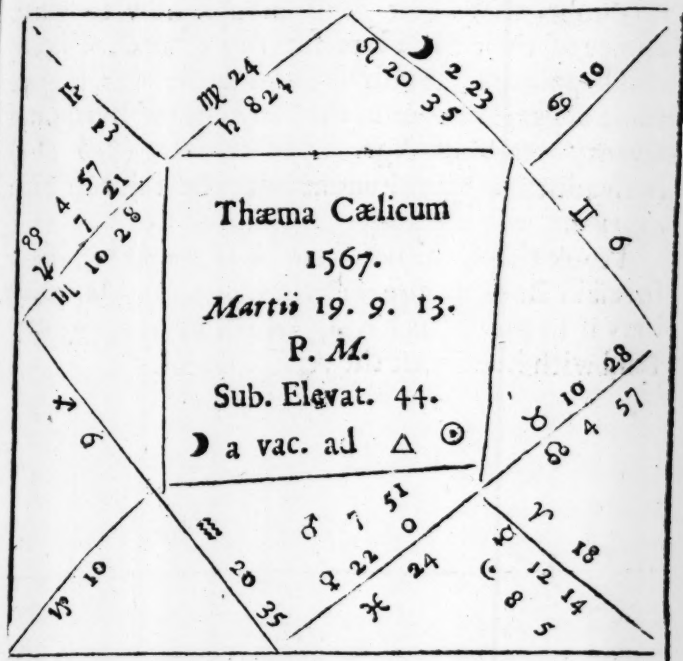
made the ungrateful Subjects of Mr. Lilly's scandalous Pen: His poyſonous darts are ever levelled at the moſt eminent of Perſonages, as the marks of his inveterate hatred, as if he had been born into the World on purpoſe to traduce the worthyeſt of Perſons and things belonging to Gods Creation.

This Reverend Native was a great favourite of Pope Clement the Eighth, and by him was employed in ſeveral remarkable affairs, &c. As to inſtance particularly in that of Anno 1604. when he was appointed, and went Ambaſſadour to the moſt Catholick King.

Princes do generally make choice of ſuch perſons to employ in their weightyest affairs, that are known to be of the moſt eminent Integrity, Ability, and Policy. And thus hath this Cœleſtial Horoscope been honoured both by God and Men.

Our Pious Native as (ſaith Argol, from whom I have borrowed this Geniture, *de D eb. Crit.* p 81) lived to a very great Age, viz. unto 88 years old, whereas the wicked do not live out half their Days: And thereby hath (ſufficiently) evinced *Scorpio* to be nothing ſo vitious, or violent, as the vitious and violent Pen of Mr. William Lilly hath, not only ſtrangely, but moſt extravagantly labour'd to render it.

9. The Ninth Geniture of Scorpio, is that of
Ludovicus Card. Zacchia Januensis.

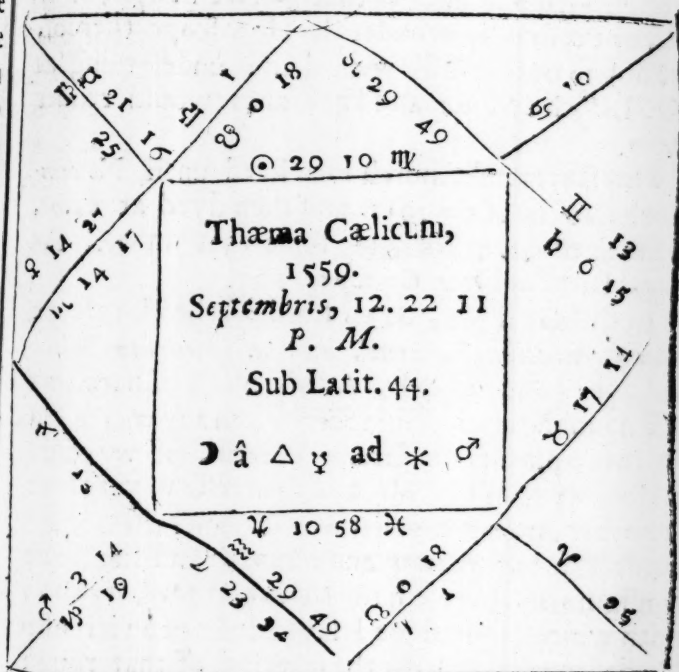


Here is also the Geniture of another Reverend Prelate born under the Perjur'd and stigmatized Sign of *Scorpio*. But, notwithstanding Mr. Lilly's opinion of his Horoscope, he was a Person of great honour in the Church, many years of that time it pleased God to afford him upon Earth.

I spare to speak of the many great and eminent Trusts, and Employments, he received from, and under-went for the two Popes, Regnant in his time, viz. *Gregory* the 15. and *Clement* the 8.--- persons, no doubt, that knew well enough how to make choice of their Ministers for the Churches peace and happiness. It is sufficient that he was known to be of great honour in the Church, and lived unto seventy years of Age. And thereby (*sub Deo*) hath added no mean honour unto the injured Sign *Scorpio*.

I took this Geniture from *Andrew Argol*, his aforesaid Book *de diebus Criticus*. And Mr. Lilly may if he please (he having *Saturn* in *Scorpio*) contend with him about the verity hereof.

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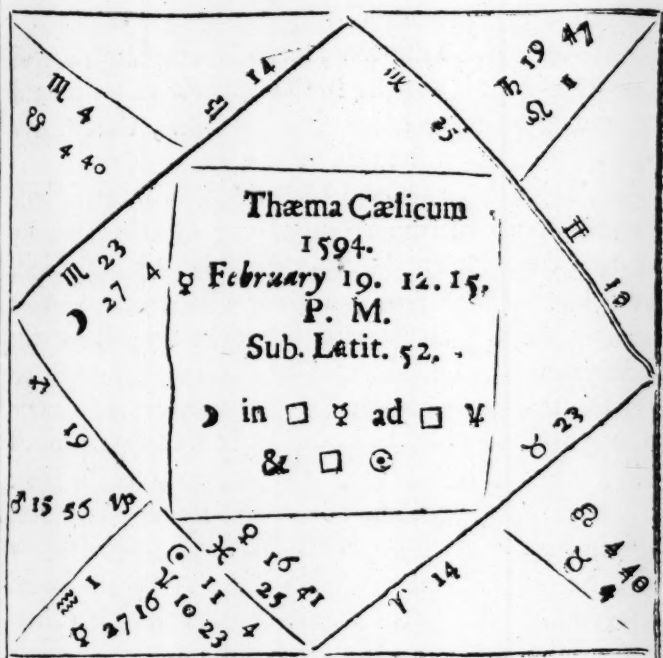
Behold another eminent Church-man, a *Scorpionist*, ready to convince Mr. *Lilly* of an unparalel'd wickedness, for his notorious and indistinctive scandal, cast against a most glorious part of the Heavens, and against all Persons born (or asking Questions) under it. **This**

This Learned and pious Prelate flourished in the times, & under the Reign of, dele Pope *Paul* the 5th: and at several times (certainly according to his Worth and Merit) he received sundry eminent Honours from him. So that you see *Scorpio*, of it self, or Persons born under the Horoscope thereof, are not so notoriously wicked and undeserving as Mr. *Lilly* his Malice and Ignorance would render them.

This Reverend Church-man lived until *November* the 26. in *Anno* 1611. and then dyed at *Rome*, being aged 52. years and somewhat more. As *Argol* saith, *de Dieb. Crit. pag. 105.*

In this Genicure, *Mars* Lord of the Horoscope is in *dignitatibus Saturni*, and in *quadrato Solis*: and yet none of Mr. *Lilly's* black Characters cast upon the injured Sign *Scorpio*, can any way fasten on this eminent Prelate.--- Indeed, (if we could reasonably admit of Mr. *Lilly's* necessity, yet) here are other Arguments that over-balance that, as the noble Trine of *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and the same configuration between the *Moon* and *Mercury* also: both which (should we I say, admit of an irresistible destiny (do dulcifie the severity of that rough *Quadrato*; yes, and would have overborn the influence of the Horoscope likewise, had it been really so bad, as Mr. *Lilly* in his malicious charge would represent it to be.

11. The *Eleventh Geniture of Scorpio*, is of that
 Learned and pious Church-man, Dr. *Roberts*
Gell, sometimes Rector of St. Mary Al-
dermary, London,



This is the Nativity of a Learned and Eminent
 Church-man lately deceased, famously known to
 all the Learned in *England* and unto many of them
 beyond the Seas.

It was this Reverend Person that made that excellent Emendation to the Translation of the Bible, for the better confirmation of staggering Christians, in the late exile of the *English Church*. He was fixed in his Principles like his Horoscope, and yielded not to the turn about Divinity of our late times of usurpation and Confusion.

His Piety and Life were both Exemplary, as well as his Learning: and he hath left such an unspotted and praise-worthy name behind him, that Envy and Malice dare not taint or accuse.

Yet had this Learned Doctor Enemies, and those of the then prevailing Assembly or *Classis*; chiefly for preaching up the Honour of the most high God, in explaining the works of his Creation, and for the acquainting the world Doctrinally, how the Stars praise their Maker. But it is no more Scandal to assert or defend a Truth then it is a Crime to oppose an Error. — His Horoscope (for all this) was the stigmatized Sign *Scorpio*, and of that he was no way ashamed; for he knew it himself, and imparted his own Nativity most freely to any that he apprehended an Artist, if so be he did deserve it. So little was he afraid of the Coercion of the Stars, and so far was he from believing his Horoscope to be Naturally and Essentially Evil; although their power to incline he understood most admirably well,

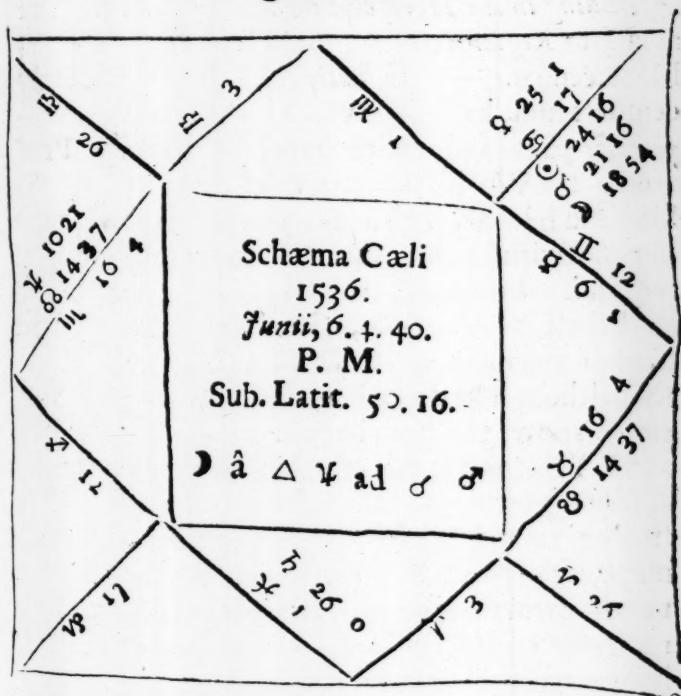
I the rather chose to insert this learned Persons Nativity, that Mr. Lilly might thereby the more plainly be convinced of his Scandall against *Scorpio* and *Scorpionists*, because the Doctor was well known unto him; and Mr. Lilly (what ever now be the matter with him) was once (*viz.* in *Anno* 1650. in his Almanack) pleased to pass a character upon him much more Honourable and worthy, then now (by his suffrage) any one born under *Scorpio* can be possibly thought to deserve. He was then I say, pleased to oppose this de le Reverend *Scorpionist* to Mr. Perkins, as he had done Mr. Deodate to John Calvin. these are his words.

That this Art (meaning Astrology) hath undergone the harsh censure of some Antagonists, I must acknowledge: yet if John Calvin was an Enemy, Mr. Deodate now Minister of Geneva, is a friend in earnest unto it: and if Perkins our Countryman caviled out of his weakness of Judgment against it, we have at this present living Doctor Gell, a most Orthodox Divine, of Exemplary life, n learning *Nulli Secundus*, a constant Preacher, and famous in the Orientall Tongues. He, I say, was pleased in *August* last, to preach unto the Society of Astrologers, and at our many importunities to suffer that Learned Sermon of his called *Stella Nova*, to be Printed and made publick. In that his exquisite piece he makes more account of Astrology, and hath so modestly ballanced his rare Judgement with soundness of Learning

ning, Scripture and Reason; for the lawfulness of it, that there is none who have read his Sermon, but have been convinced, or admirably satisfied (I do not know the meaning of his *Antithesis* here, nor yet, what difference there is, between being convinced, and admirably satisfied, &c.) as many, formerly Antagonists, have confessed unto me; and do now, since the appearance of his labours, highly esteem of Astrology, and smile at their own indiscretion, in suffering their Reason and Judgements formerly to be cheated by such home-spun Priests as rail'd against it through ignorance and corruption of their own licentious fancies. Thus far Mr. Lilly, in those days in defence of Astrology, and in praise of Dr. Gell; and also by a fair consequence, in commendation of *Scorpio*: For I am assured he wasthen (or else he is wrong in his own report) acquainted with Dr. Gells Nativity.

But behold! now the Tables are turned! *Scorpionist's*, in these Days, are a more dangerous sort of Men. Mr. Lilly hath better studied the point, then he had in *Anni 1650*. And is now able to say as much against this Reverend Church man, as then he did for him.

12. The *Twelfth Geniture of Scorpio*, is that of the famous Mathematician, *Johannes Regiomontanus*.



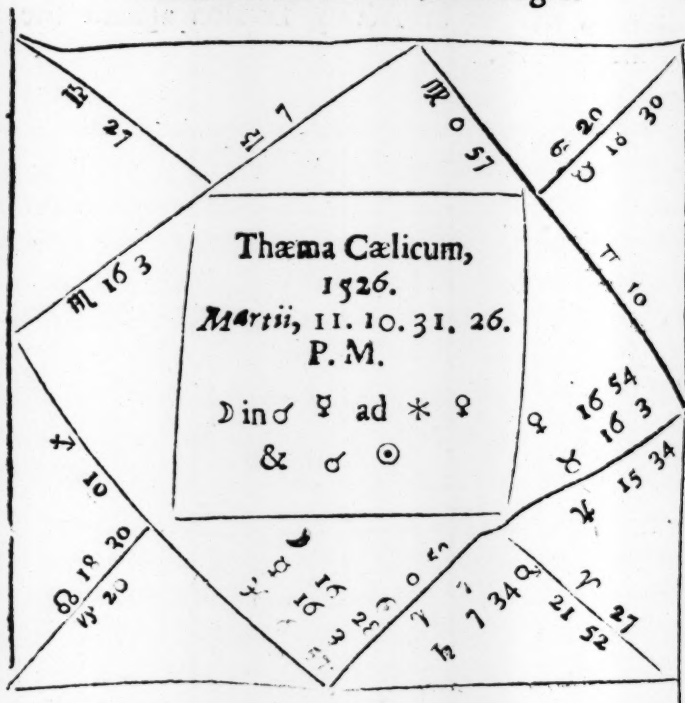
This Geniture of *John de Monte Regio*, you will find in my *Collectio Geniturarum*, fol. 176. as also in *Organus de effect. Stellarum*, from whom I first borrowed it.

Mathesios Ocellus, is not an ill, but an Honourable Character bestowed upon him by the Learned *David Origanus*. And yet, you see, he hath *Scorpio*, that *False, Perfidious, Lying, Arrogant Sign Ascending in the Horoscope* of his Nativity. But as false as *Regiomontanus* should have been by this his Ascendant,—Mr. *Lilly* that thus confidently censures him, hath by vertue of this Learned *Scorpionists* pains and endeavours, so happily Printed to the World, eaten part of his Bread. So kind and friendly hath a *Scorpionist* proved unto him, notwithstanding this his ungrateful way of requital. Howbeit, this I must needs say in the behalf of Mr. *Lilly*, (let him labour to set himself to rights in respect of the contradiction) that although he do rail against *Scorpio* and *Scorpionist's* now, yet hath he paid a respect formerly, and in Print too, unto the Learned and eminently deserving owner of this Scheme.—Indeed, all *Astrologers* and *Mathematicians* must pay him homage, if they will be just, for it was he that first taught them the true and Rational division of the 12 Cælestial Houses, and is for the same at this day honoured by all grateful Artists.

He was a man very learned, Judicious, Ingenious, and excellently deserving the fame that is justly affixed to his Memory. And surely no Person of Venefique Principles can be said to deserve any thing

thing as Mr. Lilly says all born under *Scorpio* are. —
 But, I would have Mr. Lilly to mind it there was
 never yet any that have railed against Heaven,
 that were not found guilty of opposing them-
 selves, as well as of Acting Treason against the
 Divine Majesty.

13. The *Thirteenth Geniture of Scorpio*, is of that famous Person *Henricus Rantzovius*, a Noble-Man and an Astrologer.

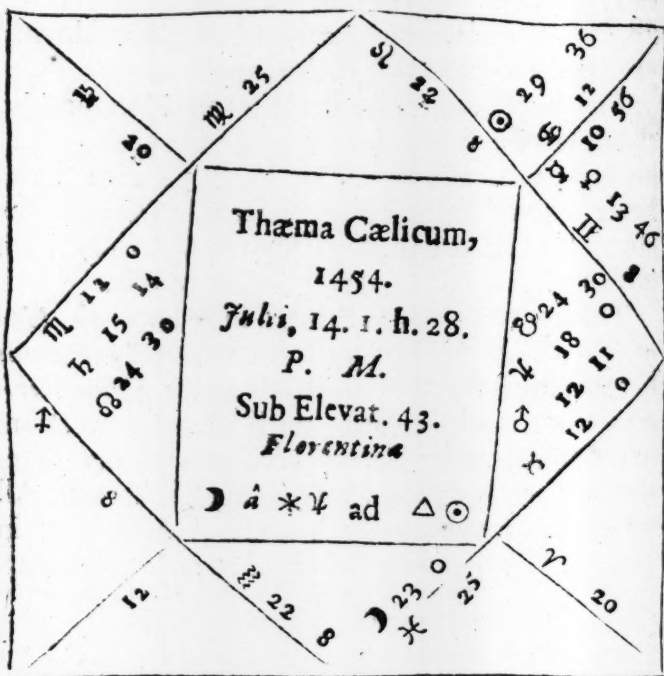


Scorpionist was in eminent favour with most of the Illustrious Persons of his time, particularly with the most serene King of *Denmark*, and with *Adolph* Duke of *Holsatia*: these things being sufficiently known. 'Tis not his honours but his Horoscope that I endeavour to acquaint the World with, or rather remind it of, at this time.

This noble Native lived all his time Honourably, and at last dyed Gloriously in the sixtyeth year of his Age, viz. in *Anno* 1585. leaving an Immortal Fame behind him. Thus you see that *Scorpio* is not always so ill and unhappy a Sign as Mr. Lilly hath maliciously, vainly, and untruly rendred it.

The figure hereof is Printed in *Sextus ab Heminga*, p. 196. as also by the Illustrious *Rantzovius* himself, in his Book entituled *de Annis Climactericis*, p. 294. and forward: with all it's directions suited to this great Natives accidents of his Life, with proper Judgements Astrological thereon. All which is as much for the honour of Astrology in general, as for the abused Sign *Scorpio* in particular.

14. The Fourteenth Geniture of Scorpio, is that
of *Angelus Polirianns*, that famous Church-
man, Antiquary, and Poet.



This famously Learned Native is, you see, born,
and brought forth into the World under the most
Viperous, Pernicious, and stigmatized Sign Scorpio
also, as were all the other formerly produced. I am
perswaded when once Mr *L. B.* shall have read
and

and considered these Eminent *Genitures* of *Scorpio*, and but a little examined his own heat (or peevishness rather, now at 71 years of Age) he will begin to grow in love with, if not extreemly dote upon *Scorpio*; and perhaps be so ingenious as to retract that his so rash and Malicious charge, he hath unadvisedly drawn up against it, and withall pray that it may not be drawn into example for the future; as his Masters the long Parliament did about their proceedings against the Noble Earl of *Strafford*: The one being as much to be justified by Art, as the other by Law and Reason.

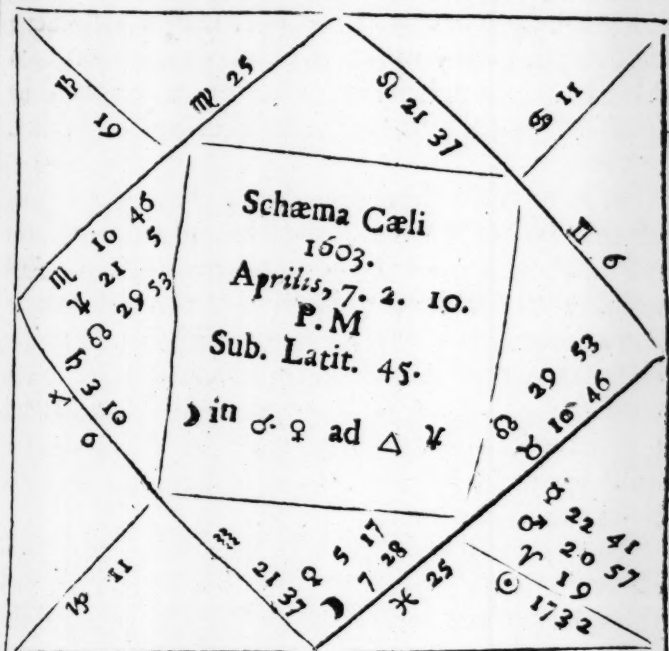
But I will be so plain in this my answer to Mr. Lilly as to give him all Reasonable advantage to support the unfortunate and fall cause he is entred into, and confels with the wise *Origanus* ---- That *Saturn* in the Horoscope (and in opposition to the Lord thereof) doth somewhat incline to Morosity and Infidelity; but yet as he observes, and that very well, the unhappiness thereby signified, is Corrected by *Jupiter* his Proximity to *Mars*; which also intimated a sharp and Excellent Genius, apt for Oratory. *Origanus* might have gone further, and have told us, that *Saturn* his Malevolency is also happily Alleviated by the *Moon*, her being in *Dignitatibus Jovis*, and in *Sexile* Aspect of him, and carrying his Light unto

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into the *Sun* by the belt of Rays, viz. a noble Trine, which according to Astrologers, could not but naturally infuse a most excellent Spirit of Justice, Wisdom, and Goodness, and Principles of Honour into the Nature and temper of this our Learned, but *Sorpionian* Native.

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15. The Fifteenth Geniture of Scorpio is that
of *Franciscus Orsattus Patavinus*.



You may observe (good Reader) that *Scorpio*-
nists spawn apace. It is a sign so Fæcund, that
I am afraid, I shall scarce be able to keep
within the compass of my Twenty Genitures
of that stigmatized Horoscope propounded-----
Truth

Truth be my witness, for that number mentioned, I could easily produce an hundred and more, all of the same Horoscope : and all of such Natives, that are worthy, Just, and Honest ; and that I can to be known by any one branch of Mr. Lilly's Character of *Scorpio*. Nay many of them well known unto Mr. Lilly, though perhaps not much respected by him ; and possibly he is equally esteemed and valued by them.

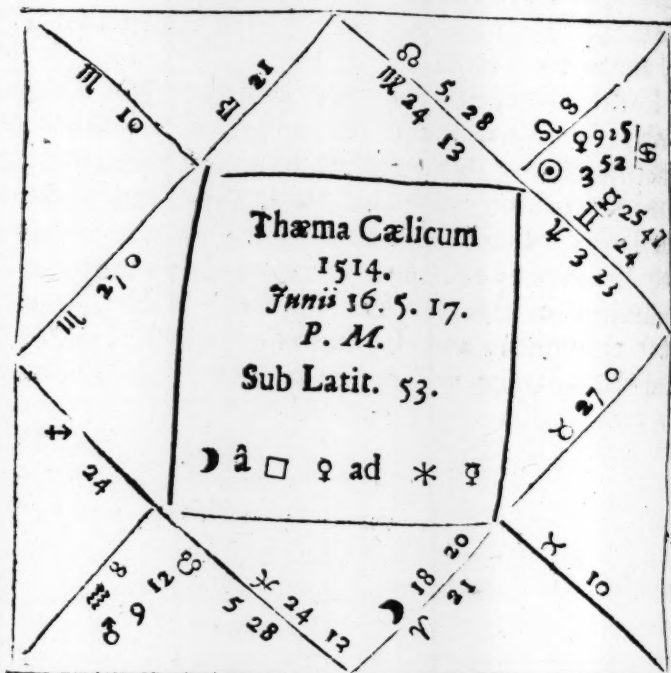
Pray read the kind Character that *Argol* gives of this Noble Person , viz. his most celebrated friend ; in his book *De dieb. Criticis*. p. 129. And possibly ye will be convinced that *Scorpio* is not so bad as rendred by Mr. Lilly's proditorious Pen ; or else that *Argol* himself is therein mistaken. It is clear to me that *Argol* is in the right : and *Scorpio* (ye have heard) doth not refuse to Patronize the most learned and most Noble of Persons that are born upon this earthly Globe.

But you will say, (perhaps that *Mars* and *Jupiter* were in great reception in this Nativity , and that *Jupiter* was posited in the Horoscope , and the *Moon* in *Pisces* , seperating from the happy conjunction of *Venus*, and applying to his *trine* , and this from Angles : all which happy positions and Radiations are sufficient to permute the Nature of *Scorpio*, into their own more beneficent significations I will allow that they are all Excellent positions : yet *Scorpio* being the Horoscope, shall have the chief sway (or in the first place, the Regency) of the Natives

Natives humor, Inclination, &c. And all other things, as they are attendants upon, so they are subordinate to the Horoscope, as every Astrologer knows: and all Arguments of good or bad significations, do serve only to advance or abate of what the Horoscope portends, purely with relation unto it, and not otherwise.

If, therefore, *Scorpio* were so bad as Mr. Lilly hath pronounced, it could not admit of any allay; (nothing being able to abate of an Essentiall evil; you may as soon wash the *Black-Moor*, and make the *Leopard* spotless.) and Persons born under it should never be capable of meriting the worthy Appellation of FRIEND: and the Noble *Argol* that thought so, and that hath so Printed this learned Native to be, will appear to be very credulous.

16. The Sixteenth Geniture of *Scorpio*, is that
of the Honourable Sir *John Cheske* Secre-
tary to King *Edward* the sixth.

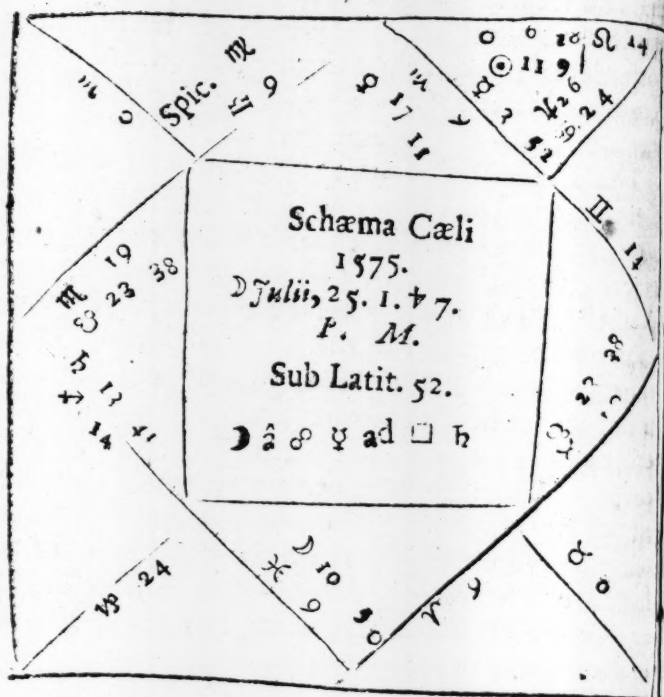


This worthy Geniture of a perjured and stig-
matized Horoscope is published by the Learned
Hierome Cardan, that great Phyfitian and Astro-
loger, at the end o fhis Learned Commentary
upon

upon the Quadripartite of *Pto'my*, fol. 620. It is also published by *Sexius ab Heminga*, p. 296. but a little differing from this of *Cardan's*. But the discrepancy is not much. And although these Authors do seem to disagree in some things relating to this Nativity, yet in the Horoscope thereof they both accord; and each of them give him the Ambitious and false Sign *Scorpio* for his ascendant, and that much about the same part of the Sign too.

The Learned *Cardan*, that knew this Noble Gentleman, gives him a very Honourable Character, and renders him excellently meriting, and indeed, so doth this his Geniture. And without doubt he was a right worthy and deserving Person, as any of his Quality in the Age he lived and flourished. Neither doth *Heminga* cast any blemish upon him for his Horoscopes sake, nor yet for any other cause, nor any one else, as I am able to discover. And, I suppose neither Mr. *Lilly*, nor yet any of his malicious Tribe or opinion will offer once to presume or esteem it a Crime in him, for to have been a Secretary of State unto so hopeful and excellent a Prince, as was King *Edward* the sixth of *England*.

17. The Seventeenth Geniture of Scorpio, is
that of the Learned Physitian, and Ma-
thematician, Dr. *Nicholas Fisk*.



This Learned Native also, was by Divine Good-
ness, permitted to come into the World to add
credit to that excellent, but much injured part of
the Zodiack, the Cœlestial Sign *Scorpio*.

He was an excellent Scholar, singular good Mathematician, a Learned and successful Physician, and a most profound Astrologer. And that which is more worthy then all this, and deserves a Nobler Elogium is this----- He was a Gentleman of a very Pious Exemplary, and virtuous Life, and of Just and preserving Principles. And I had great reason to know all this of and by him, for he was my honoured friend, and Tutor. Under him I was initiated into the Sciences Astronomical and Astrological, &c. and unto him, next unto Almighty God, do I owe all the knowledge in Art that I am an unworthy Master of; as I have elsewhere more largely expressed. *Vid. Britains Royal Star, Printed. Anno. 1661.*

His parts were so excellent and Polite, even to the Last, (and he lived more then 84 years) that I have scarce ever observed the like in any man. His memory was very quick, erdy and servicable; his fancy and Imagination nimble and active, his invention curiously flourishing &c. Whence he became an excellent Instructor of all that had the happiness to learn any Science from him. And, indeed, I may justly say of him, as Mr. Lilly once in a thing of his did, (for he sometimes lets drop a Truth from his Extravagant Pen) viz.----- *That had he not been an English man, he would have been much more esteemed then he was.*

How happy would it be if all the world should prove such *Scorpionists* as this our worthy Native.

For Science, you see he had *Mercury* in *Virgo* near the *Medium Celi*, for true worth, goodness of Life and Piety, (not that I think the Planets do necessitate either to good or evil, I speak only to Astrologers in the language of the Stars) you may observe *Jupiter* in the ninth house, in his exaltation there, as also the Lord of the Ascendant in the ninth, and the *Moon* in *Pisces*, in Trine unto his Horoscope, and the kind Planet *Venus*, in almost partil *Sextile* unto it.

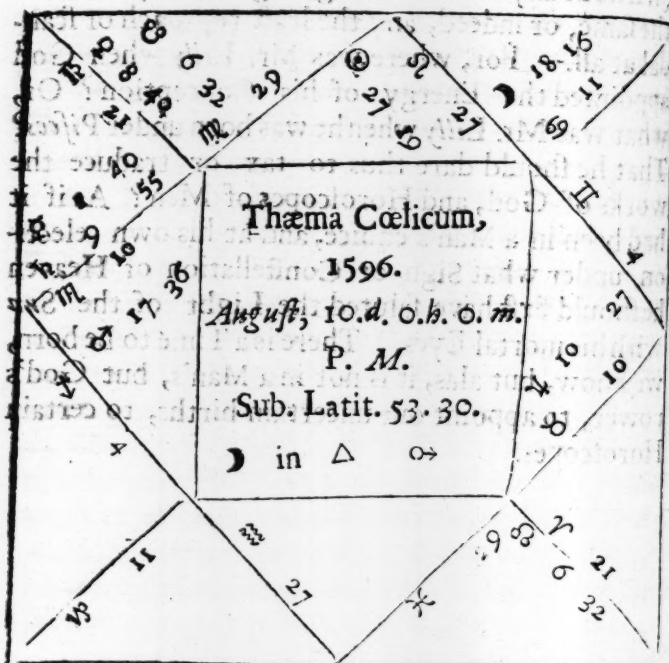
Mr. Lilly tells us in an Epistle to his *Anglicus* 1645. that the *Moon* in *Pisces* made him a good fellow. Mr. Lilly may here see, that that which made him a good fellow, made this worthy Native, a Pious Man, (for *Pisces* is the dignities of *Jupiter*) and a good fellow in Mr. Lilly's sence, (and indeed in the general sence of the World in this Age, is as opposite to Piety, as Light is to Darkness. Mr. Lilly should therefore have a care how he vests the Stars with an absolute and uncontrollable Dominion over our Inclinations and Manners, &c. For the *Moon* in *Pisces* doth not always signifie a good fellow, nor yet constantly a pious good Man.

It is true, this Learned Native had *Cauda Draconis* in Horoscopo, and the *Moon* in opposition of *Mercury*, and applying to a Quadrature of *Saturn*, which (Astrologically Interpreted) gave him malicious enemies, and rendered him (as to the Riches and Glories of the World) somewhat unfortunate. but yet did not impead either his Morals or Intel-

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leſtivals. So that you ſee, *Scorpio* upon the Horoscope, with *Cauda* in it, enforced by other ill testimonies, doth not always merit Mr. Lilly's character thereof. Much less doth the Sign it self, (without any such advantages against it) deserve the same, or indeed, any the least reproach or scandal at all.--- For, where was Mr. Lilly when God appointed the Energy of his Conception? Or, what was Mr. Lilly when he was born under *Pisces*? That he should dare thus to tax or traduce the works of God, and Horoscopes of Men? As if it had been in a Man's choice, and at his own election, under what Sign or Constellation of Heaven he should first have saluted the Light of the Sun with his mortal Eyes. There is a Time to be born, we know, but alas, it is not in a Man's, but God's power, to appoint our uncertain births, to certain Horoscopes.

18. The Eighteenth Geniture of Scorpio is that
of the Learned Physitian and Ephemerid-
dist Master, *Laurentius Eickstadius*



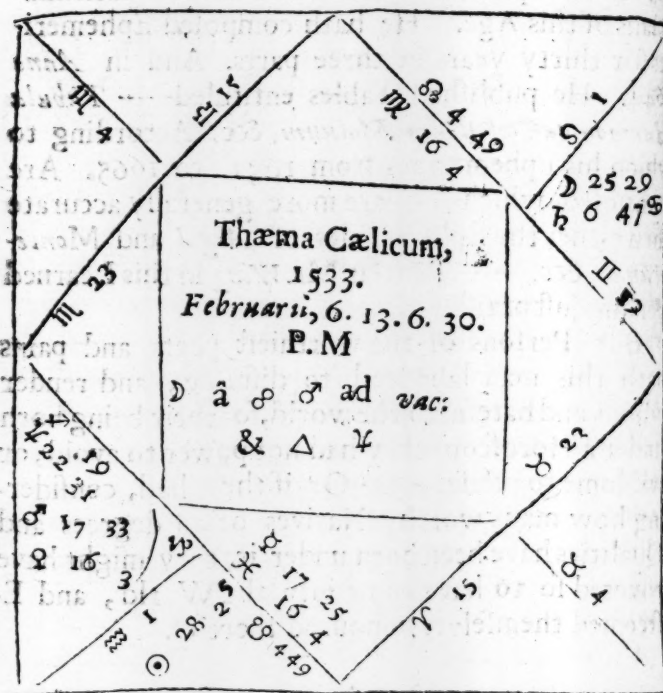
This worthy and learned Person is one under Mr. Lilly's Envious Lath of Correction also, whether he deserve it or not.

Hear what the Ingenious Mr. Vincent. Wing

saith of him in a Postscript to the second part of his *Ephemerides*, these are his words.---- *Eichstadius* is an Inhabitant of *Stetin* in *Pomerania*, a Region in the North part of *Germany*, a Learned Physitian, and Philosopher, and one of the ablest Mathematicians of this Age. He hath composed *Ephemerides* for thirty years in three parts. And in *Anno* 1644. He published Tables entituled----- *Tabula Harmonica Caelestium Motuum*, &c. According to which his *Ephemerides* from 1651. to 1665. Are composed, which----- are more generally accurate then either the *Ephemerides* of *Argol* and *Monteburnus*, &c.----- Thus far *Mr. Wing* in this Learned Persons just praise.

But Persons of the worthiest parts and pains hath this man laboured to disture, and render odious and hateful to the world, for their being born under a Horoscope they had not power to avoid, or wildome to refese.----- Or if they had, considering how many worthy Natives of all degrees and Qualities have been born under it, they might have coveted so to have come into the World, and Esteemed themselves honoured thereby.

The *Nineteenth Geniture of Scorpio*, shall
be that of the Learned *Sixtus ab Heminga*
an Enemy to Astrology.



Not only the Friends, but even the very enemies,
to *Scorpio*, and all the other parts of Astrology
help to plead against Mr. Lilly, for this his prodi-
gious and most unequal charge against *Scorpio*, and
all *Scorpionists*. For

For this Native, though he had *Scorpio* for his Horoscope at Birth, hath wrotenot only briskly, but very bitterly against Astrology. Howbeit, this publick and professed Enemies wounds, are more tolerable then Mr. Lillys pretended friendly, but direct poisonous kisses and embraces. I like not the Man that under a courteous caress presents his Friend a Dagger.

Heminga wrote smartly against Astrology, Anno, 1583: which though it be a crime in it self so to do, because therein and thereby the Truths of God and the Stars are injured, and the Glory of the Heavens impaired: yet I do not esteem it an error so notoriously great in him, but that it may deserve a Charitable construction in any gentle and modest Reader, because it's more then probable that he wrote so against the Stars, not so much from an assured malice, or pretended provocation, as from an Innate perswasion. (*Denique non omnes eadem mirantur amanti;*) And there is a great difference between an error of Judgement and an error of Will. Nor can I charge this his writing against Astrology upon the nefariousness of his stigmatized Horoscope: Because, for the most part, I find that *Scorpionists*, as such, are Friends to Astrology. Is not *Scorpio* in Sextile of *Virgo*? and is not *Virgo* the Nocturnal dignity, and exaltation of *Mercury*? ----- But honest *Feminga* had *Mercury* in *Pisces*, in Quadrant Aspect of *Jupiter*, and his *Moon* was in a hateful

opposition of *Mars*. Which Positions (according to Astrologers) might render him capable of imbibing much knowledge, and this of different kinds; but yet might denote too much heat in him to distinguish well of matters: and so he came to be puzzled and confounded too, in intermeddling with an Art of so curious a Texture, as is Astrology. For you must know it for a great Physical Truth, That too much heat doth destroy in the Room of making a good concoction, And it is a conspicuous verity, that every one that can make a moderate Grammarian, or Philologer, may be mistaken, if he think therefore to prove a good Astrologer.

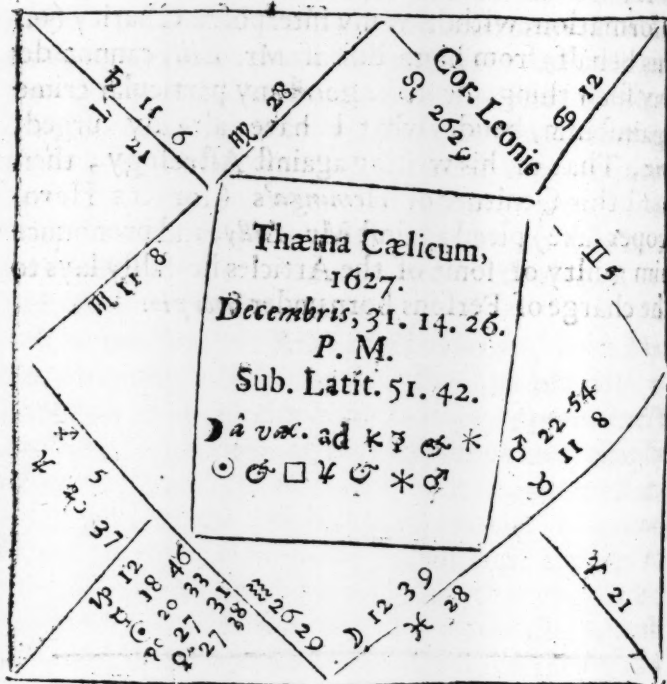
Astrologus Nascitur. non fit.

This indistinctive Rock of *Heminga's*, hath Mr. *Lilly* hapned to split upon For he likewise abounds with an intemperate heat, as *Mars* in exact and partil opposition of his Horoscope most plainly denotes. And thus it hapned, that he, not well acquainted with the Philosophy of the Heavens, esteeming them to be as they seem and appear to us, (to say nothing of his prejudice that abets unto his ignorance, occasioned perhaps from the opposition of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in his Geniture: and an afflicted *Sun*, as well as an oppressed *Leo*, (with Astrologers) discovers a vitious heart unless otherwise contradicted) comes thus to confound things without distinction and this in such, and so gross a manner, that the very Signs of Heaven cannot escape him and his ill-governed envy.

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But, I would know of Mr. *Lilly*, how, in any one particular, *Honest Heminga* agrees with this his envious character of *Scorpio*? which if he shall deign to tell me, I will believe *Heminga* to come fairly within his censure; and shall upon such his information, withdraw my interposed Charity (on this behalf) from him. But if Mr. *Lilly* cannot do any such thing, or make good any particular crime against him, besides what I have already urged, viz, That of his writing against *Astrology*, then must this Geniture of *Heminga's* (for its Horoscopes sake) plead against Mr. *Lilly*, and pronounce him guilty of some of the Articles he falsely lays to the charge of Persons born under *Scorpio*.

20. The *Twentyeth* Geniture of the stigmatized Sign *Scorpio*, is that of the much envied Authour.



This is the Nativity that hath caused Mr. Lilly to blaspheme *Scorpio*, and it is the true position of Heaven, under which I first drew my (much envied) breath. But under what Horoscope I shall part

part with it, I do not pretend to know: nor is it much material to me, whether it shall be under that of *Taurus*, *Libra* or *Gemini*.

I am well satisfied, that it is not by reason of *Scorpio* upon my Horoscope, that I am so eminently subject to reproach and scandal, and that I am sometimes made the contempt and scorn of ridiculous and ignorant fellows: Some of which number (together with their wretched Families) do even eat their Bread by vertue of my pains and Industry, or else they might starve or steal. It is not, I say from *Scorpio* that I am thus dealt with, but (with respect to second causes) from *Mars* his position in the seventh house; a place (Astrologically) representing my most publick and avowed enemies.

But I had rather be envied and reproached undeservedly, and without any real cause, then that any one should have any just Ground to recriminate upon me. I bless God, I can with an upright Soul, and an honest confidence, challenge the whole World, or the most malicious *Saturnine* Person therein, to lay but one base unworthy and dishonourable Action to my charge, and make it good against me when they have done. And yet, I am not unacquainted with all the black Artifices that have been privately practiced against me for more then a dozen years together. Nay, I have just reason to suspect some horrid *Forgeries* very lately acted against me also.

I doubt, if Mr. *Lilly*'s charge be in any part of

it true, that then my reasonless enemies have all of them *Scorpio* Ascending. But alas ! Envy springs not from the signs of Heaven, but from the Children of Hell. And I do here solemnly profess, that although it hath been my misfortune to be engaged in controversies, I never began one with any man in my whole Life.---- I have lived now onward of fifty years in the World, and yet never had one suit at Law with any Man, for any Debt or cause of my own, and but one otherways and that was for two Orphans. And surely had *Scorpio* been a Sign of that turbulency as Mr. *Lilly* renders it, I could scarce have said so, and said truly. I am afraid Mr. *Lilly* from all his pretended peaceable Stars can hardly say so much in behalf of his own Horoscope. I never took any of the Turn-about Oaths of the Times, which if Perjury be a character of *Scorpio*, I should as easily have swallowed as any other. Mr. *Lilly* knows that there may be Perjured Persons that have not *Scorpio* Ascending on the Horoscope of their Nativities.

I could, I confess, enter on a Theam most copious in this place, and acquit my self from all Mr. *Lilly's* Characters of *Scorpio*. But least Mr. *Lilly* or his friends might think that by a large list of strong and true Negatives, I should go about to raise a charge as vile against my causers adversaries, as is his against all born under *Scorpio*, I will forbear. And yet I must tell you, that according to the Canons of Astrology, my severity is as highly elevated as my

my Charity. and Saturn (at sometimes) bears as great a sway over my inclinations, &c. as Jupiter. Howbeit, at this time I will rule my Stars, and follow Jupiters gentle Influences, that Mr. Lilly may thereby see his charge against Scorpio invalidated.

And now for a more eminent conviction of Mr. Lilly, I have this one thing further, not to charge upon him, but to remind him of, *viz.* That he hath not only abused Scorpio as you have heard, in his this Years Almanack, but in several others of his strange Writings also, zealously endeavouring to bring all people into a hatred with all Persons born under it, as if they were scarce fit for conversation or humane society. And thus in his Almanack for the Year 1660. he calls it--- *A rugged violent treacherous Sign, and so accounted by all wise men.* So that you see Mr. Lilly begs all people for Fools, that will not abuse such as are born under Scorpio. and shall refuse to joyn in Judgement with him herein. And in his *Starry messenger* he writes p. 23. 'It was not Adam it was not Eve, but the 'Serpent; It's not Kings or Princes, It's not Queens 'or their Ladies that invent those execrable councils 'so torally destructive: No, It's the Serpent;---It's 'Mercury in Scorpio; It's Religious Men in habit 'b t Devils in condition, &c.

Now, let but Mr. Lilly acquit himself from the prodigious consequences that arise from these his malicious assertions, and this rationally (not railing, as if he knew no other God but his Lusts) and

to respond unto this my serious discourse; written as well on the behalf of all Persons, of any Sex, Qualification or Condition, that shall be born under this stigmatized Sign, as on theirs that have been, or are at the present born and living under it; and therein convince me of my errours and mistakes, and prove to me that *Scorpio*, as *Scorpio* is such, and so bad as he hath characterised it, and that Persons born under it (for their being so born) are as villanous and wicked as he hath depainted them to be, — And I will here reiterate my promise to him, (and he shall find a *Scorpionist* knows how to be just, and can keep his word when once solemnly and seriously engaged) which is--- To cry him Mercy, and not only so, but I will write a recantation of this my particular Treatise in defence of *Scorpio*, and acknowledge it to the World as an Errour to have appeared thus zealously in the behalf of that which so little deserves it.

Nay, I will believe all those eminent instances that I have thus borrowed from Authours, and experienced my self, to be meerly vain and fictitious, and of no value or worth in the World. I will then also conclude Mr. Lilly to be in the Truth in any thing, every thing that he hath confidently alledged against *Scorpio*, and against all Persons that have been, are, or shall be, born under it.

Or, in case Mr. Lilly cannot (as I am sufficiently satisfied he cannot) make good this his black bill of indictment, or any part thereof against *Scorpio*, if then

then he will but be so ingenious as to acknowledge himself in an Errour, and unhappily misled in that his large and liberal accusation against Persons of that Horoscope, either by his own Passion, or by the wicked insinuations of others, that have herein outwitted him, and made him the *Cats-foot* to reach them the *Chestnut* of their Revenge upon any one of that abused Ascendant. I will hereby promise him to be more kind and favourable in my opinion towards him, then at the present I apprehend he hath given me reason to be. For I esteem it a compensation (in part) for an evil committed to make an acknowledgement thereof to the Person injured.

Let I say, but Mr. *Lilly* do either of these, and he and I are friends. For I most solemnly and seriously protest, that it is not for victory, or ostentation, that I contend with Mr. *Lilly*, (for I have formerly given, and am ready yet to give him the right hand of Fellowship, as he is my Elder, and began to labour in the Harvest of Astrology before me.) But truly and candidly to clear the Heavens themselves from his blasphemous aspersions, and all Persons born under *Scorpio* from his unchristian and undeserved scandals.

But if Mr. *Lilly* think not fit to do either of these; then I do hereby admonish him, in his reply, that he write not against my Book, but my Person, that being a way of answering, much more easie for him to pursue, then to search and try the vari-

ous parts of this serious Treatise against him. — And what if I should prove a Prophet, and happen rightly to fore see that Mr. Lilly will be so wise (if at least he say any thing) as to avoid my Arguments and Instances, (they being not only true, but very troublesome to refute) and fall down right a railing, as (according to his accustomed rate of Ingenuity, like an, *illud quod dicere nolo*) he hath formerly served me.

And so I wish him of a better mind and spirit, then thus enviously and unworthily to trifle away his most pretious time, to be revenged of one, that hath no manner of design to endamage or prejudice him: no, not to the value of the least Hair that is growing upon his Gray, but envious and malicious Head.

*Pacem cum Hominibus, bellum cum vitiis
oportet habere.*

23 Towards the close of y^r preface he calls this Book of his (as well he may) trivial paper) and here at y^r topp of y^r page a serious Treatise. POST-
which is an apparent Contradiction

Post-script.

I Had almost forgotten to mention one admirable piece of Mr. Lilly's malice to me in *Anno* 1660. viz. I being then upon publishing my *Collection of 150. Genitures in the English Tongue*, Mr. Lilly, to spoil that my *Book*, and to oppose my endeavours therein, doth advertise the World (like a *Liar* as he is) thus----

“ A *Learned Minister* of this Nation, aged 75.
 “ an Industrious Student in Physick and Astrology,
 “ hath ready for the Press, 215. Nativities:
 “ whereof 39. were rectified, and directed both
 “ in the Ecliptick and Equator, by that exact
 “ Master of Astrology, Mr. W. Brendon, Minister;
 “ 27. more, were the Collections of Dr. James,

" 22. of Dr. *Barker*, Physitian to Queen *Ann*,
 " 28. more, were the labours of Dr. *Cunningham*
 " of *Norwich*, the remainder are his own Col-
 " lections for above 50. years. There are 22.
 " Nativities of Kings, Queens, and Princes. 25.
 " of Dukes, Earls, Barons, and Judges of *Eng-*
 " *land*. Divers Nativities of Serjeants at Arms,
 " and of the Law. 17. Doctors of Physick. 27.
 " of Astrologers. 32. of Divines, or Ministers.
 " 7. Bishops. 25. Sea-Captains. The rest are
 " the Nativities of all sorts of Professions, as
 " Taylors, Weavers, Millers, Butchers, Mercers,
 " Silk-men, &c.

Observe the notable *Falshood* of this *Envious*
Man! It is now fifteen years since this malicious
 and lying *Advertisement* dropt from his *Truthless*
Pen, and yet never any *such Book* is come to Light.
 Nay, I dare (without a Figure) Prognosticate,
 it never will. It being no less then a *Miracle* that
 it should, there being *no such Book*, or *Authour* to
 be found, but in the corrupted and *false Register* of
 Mr. *Lilly's* malice.

Let the impartial Reader, now Judge between
 Mr. *Lilly* and me, in this matter, if he have not
most basely endeavoured to *blast my painful Labours*,
 by this his *Art-lefs*, and *Truth-lefs* device. --- I will
 not, though, charge this dealing upon Mr. *Lilly's*
Heroscope. For God made Mr. *Lilly* *upright*, but
 he hath sought out many wicked *Inventions*.

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Methinks the very method proposed by Mr. Lilly, proclaims his design herein a *gross Imposture*. For, (1) If his *Authour* have but 39. Nativities of 215. rectified, the service had not been much to the World, in case there had been really such a *Book* as he pretendeth.

2. The *Authour* took no great pains neither, to be fifty years in the compilement of such a *Treatise*, if his helps thereto, were nearly *treble* to his own *Collections*: as it appears most plainly that they were, if we but examine and allow of Mr. Lilly's *Arithmetick* in numbring his several assistances.

3. It's not unreasonable to enquire, why *Serjeants at Law* should not have been ranked among the *Judges*, they being nearly allyed in honour to them? Or doth Mr. Lilly mean *Serjeants of the Countie*? for they are Legal Officers. But, then, he should have done well to have appointed each one his *Teoman*, according to *City-Custome*.

4. I might demand of him, why the 7. *Bishops* were not numbred among the *Divines*? he could not think that they would have been any way ashamed of their company.

5. His Imaginary *Authour* was a *Neptune*, sure, and used a *Trident* for his *Pen*; or else we had heard of the *Genitures* of *Land Captains*, as well as of those that belonged only to the *Sea*.

6. And Lastly, As to the rest of the *Nativitie* of all *Professions*, (that we are *ad Gracas Calendas* to be made happy withall.) which upon a just *Deduction* amounts but to 60. Mr. Lilly's *Impudence* and *Leasing* is *superlative*! For, if he mean as he writes, his *Authour* will be found to afford us scarce half a *Nativity* a piece for one representative person of every known *Profession*. There being in *London* near seventy several *Professions* modelized into *Companies*, and almost as many more that are unincorporated: and yet the *Company* that Mr. Lilly belongs unto, wholly excepted. *viz.* That of *Lyars*, *Sycophants* and *Traducers*. *Oportet mendacem esse memorem.* Sure this *malitious man* will blush now, or never.

But Mr. Lilly not contented to deal thus unworthily by me, about that my said Book of *Genitures*, is so basely *envious*, and *swel'd with vename* so much against me, and my *lawful endeavours*, that in his *Merlin* of this Year, 1675. he uses a like *Artifice* against my so long promised *Body of Astrology*. A work that I have been many years employed about, and (mangre his malitious and proditorious *Scoma's*) doubt not of the candid acceptance of the *Learned Artists*, when it shall please *God* to give me the opportunity of compleating, and publishing it to the World.

In the interim, I submit it to the Ingenious to Judge, whether this empty scoffer, do not deserve to ride

ride blind *Bayard*; that shall dare to censure any Man's *Labours* at all adventures, un-sight and un-seen, as he hath done mine? Terming it a *Body of Tautology*: and menacing me provokingly, to have a *Soul* added thereunto. But alas! I shall not value what *Soul* he can breath either in, or upon it, provided it be not *that* of his *Monarchy* or *new Monarchy*; for I should be loath to have *Treason* or *Villany* to invigorate any work of mine. And the *Soul* of his *Dreadful Dead man*, and *Supernatural Sights*, I object against also; For as I abhor *Treason*, &c. So I also disdain *Non-sence* and *Folly*; although (I say) not equally with the other. I hope the Man doth not mean *Famnine* matters, (for he is often big with *Idle jests*, witness his *CLAP* in *Capitals* this year,) and so by a modern *Metempsychasis*, intend to obtrude the *Ghost* of Mrs. *P.* or *A. Bell*, upon my stigmatized *Labours*, thereby to encline me the better to his *Interest* and *Party*. But, (to leave trifling, Mr. *Lillies* principle faculties) I question not, if ever Mr. *Lilly* live to see my said *Treatise* abroad, (and I cannot promise that I shall live to see it *Printed* my self, but may possibly leave it to be published as my *Posthum'd Legacy* to the Sons of Art,) that he will (to his grief) find it as full of *Spirit*, as he did another Book of mine, *viz.* The *Doctrine of Nativityes*, upon which (either flatteringly, or really,) he hath passed this *verdict in Print*, *viz.* that it is the *most accomplish'd Work* of it's subject, that he even

held in any Language or Anthour. And I have a firm confidence, that my XX Years *experience* will not make me (like a Cows-tail) *grow downward in Art*, but rather assist me to the out-casting *that Book* (at the least half a Bar) which Mr. Lilly so highly hath commended, and pretended formerly to be so much in love withall.

But, *Ecce homo!* now behold Mr. Lilly in his colours! My Labours, which (while I was in friendship with him) were so full of *Worth*, and *Excellency*, are now become *erroneous* and *ridiculous*; and he accordingly, in a menacing way, calls upon me for a *Recantation* of them. Oh! Frontless Impudence!

What would this Man (bold enough, without cause,) have demanded of me, in case he had found me in the *List* or *Number* of *those* that trampled upon *Monarchy*, when *Rebellion* had tumbled it under Foot? I never predicted that we should have *no more Kings in England*: nor pretended to know *who was the Vizarded Villain that cut the Kings Head off*. I never Covenanted against Episcopacy, when the *zealous Presbyter*, with his tumbling tricks had made the *Reverend Bishops* odious, by telling of the Rabble in print, *That God had spued Bishops out of the Land*. Nor did I ever dare to call the Right Reverend Bishop Wren, a *pestilent Fellow*; or express any *murderous* intention toward him by Writing-- And yet *this wretched Wren* lives, &c. I never took any of the *Turn-*
about

about Oaths of the late times; or sided with that People: that disdained *Loyalty* to swallow *Perjury*. Nor did I ever dedicate an *Almanack* to O. P. either in *English* or *Latine*.

Had Mr. Lilly found me tripping in any of these or in any thing like them, he had been a friend in earnest to his Majesty, to *Truth*, &c. in calling for my recantation, (provided he himself had been in innocent.) Nay, had I been *semper idem* with Mr. Lilly in *all changes*, and in every *Revolution of time* since 1646. as he falsely writes a worthy *Gentleman* to have been, in his *Merlin*, 1664. it had been a *Sin* in me, to be both recanted, and repented off: and I would most readily have gratified his most importune request herein.

But let Mr. Lilly with a brow of *Erass* (never considering what himself hath been in *all Changes* since 1646.) call for my *Recantation*, as if he were the most *innocent man* alive; Let him believe himself the *Loyal Person*. and brand me the *Phanatick*; And term my Defence of *Scorpio*—*A daring vindication*: And impudently rancounter it with an *Aphorism* or two out of *Hermes*, which himself doth not understand; as his applying of them sufficiently maketh to appear. Let him *Laugh* and *Scoff* at my *Magistries* and *Experiments*, but never shew wherein they are faulty. I shall *once for all* (his own word) take my leave of him, and never trouble my self more with his *filth*, except upon the conditions before propounded. It being a per-

plexity and trouble, even of the vilest *kind* to have to do with a Man, that is compounded of nothing but ill manners, *Huffing*, *Impudence*, and *Lying*.

Finally, Mr. *Lilly* may please to Review his Daring, False, Wicked, and mutinous Judgements, (to say no worse) upon the Figure of *Sol* in *Cancer* this Year, 1675. and remember that *Jupiter* qualifies the heats of *Mars* according to *Hermes*. Aph. 4. viz. *Jupiter configuratus malevolis, mutat eorum malitiam in bonum*. Which done, then let him tell me who it was, that in Anno 1647. wrote these words, viz.--- How shall I expect Truth in any Authour, if I my self being an Authour, play the KNAVE in the same kind. *Quod non vis tibi, ne facias alteri. vid.* Introd. to Astrology, Epistle to the Reader, written by W. L.

FINIS.

ADVERTISEMENT.

IF any Man shall think it strange that I, who was formerly in some *Friendship* with Mr. Lilly, do now (not oppose him, but rather) defend my self from his *torrent-like Opposition*: Let them know, that Mr. Lilly was the *Aggressor*, and hath given me many *unjust provocations* hereunto. And it is too much to bear, not only his own unworthy Reproaches, but the malicious Scandals of his envious party also, by him (as I have great reason to believe.) *Year after Year*, set on against me. Now, not to take some *notice* thereof in my own *just defence* (for in this contest I do really plead *se defendendo*.) But to be wholly *silent* as to such long and *continued affronts* and *revilings*, were to seem to my *Friend* either *dead*, or *senceless*, or else *guilty* of all his and their false and wicked Scandals thus cast upon me. But, *truth be my Record*, had this been the alone thing, I could, and would, easily have passed it by; for I know what it is to fight with words, and how the *Duellist's* (like the *Roman Gladiator's*) do evermore make *sport* for others in such quarrels; and instead of solving their *Reputations*; thereby; do make greater breaches therein, then their envious *Adversaries* had been any way able to have given them. But the *main thing* that
hath

hath prevailed with me in this undertaking, was not my own concern so much as the *vindication* of the Truth of Astrology, and the *Justification* of all Persons born under *Scorpio*. And, my motive hereunto was great, and Cogent, viz. Least after Ages should suck in Mr. Lilly's malicious *Insinuations* for truth, (as they might easily do, did they remain unanswered,) to the great injury of the Heavens and their Influences: and so come to *traduce* *Scorpio* and *Scorpionist's*, by writing after his wicked and uncorrected (though not uncorrupted) Copy.

Having

Having a spare Page or two. I shall here insert, those
verses which Mr. Lilly call's the daring defense
of that Hectorian Sign Scorpio, *Viz.*

WHat's He dare quarrel SCORPIO? or
accuse
The Sign's of Heaven to be of *vafrons*
use?

Or yet affront the fair *Uraniah's* Court;
Making her *Mansion-houses* vulgar sport?
Let such behold bright *Jove* his passage through't,
Ready to strike such foul-mouth'd *Mortals* mute,

The parts of *Heaven* are like to *Heaven* alone,
As *Heaven* to *God* that made it, who's but one.

And, how poor *Scorpio*, being a part, should be

Thus subject to *Surquedrious* Raillery,

As to be stiled *bad*, the whole being good?

Is not by me, nor thousands understood.

Scorpio's a Sign of *Brisk* activity;

And Persons *born* under the same so be.

But *action* ever kept the *World* alive

Few, without *action*, er'e were known to thrive;

Must *action* then be branded! whilst my Pen!

Wee'l all be guided by dul sotish Men.

How many worthy *Princes*? *Prelates* grave?

Posts, and *Orators*? yes, and *Souldieres* brave,

Have *Drann* their breath under this Heavenly Sign?

And none *Distemper'd* with the *Vipers* Wine.

What

What Sign of all the Twelve, yeildeth a Man
More just, more good, more learn'd, then Scorpio can?

The Glorious Christian King, when he was born
The Heaven's themselves intending him no scorn;
Had Scorpio arising in the East :

And, who in War was e're more fully blest?

Who e're had greater honour by his Word?

Who e're did nobler Action's with a Sword?

And, were it Lawful, I would now invoke

The Ghost of Monte-Regio to assist,

My Muse against all Merlin's envious Smoak:

To shew him what is true, and how he ha's mist.

I'de raise the Worthy Fisk too, and Learn'd Gell,

His Scandals 'gainst their Horoscope to quell.

Under blest'd Scorpio, happily was born,

Our English Trismegist, the Learned Brown :

No Man of Letters then should think't a scorn,

A Horoscope so worthy for to own.

But Rais in Science best things ever chuse

To Nibble at; that's the base Vermin's use.

Edward the Third, that brave puissant King :

(Was he too tainted with the Scorpion's sting?)

He had the Chale rising at his Birth :

What Prince more pious e're did Reign on Earth?

'Twas he St, George his Order first did Frame :

And none but Dragons dare to blast his Name.

The Stars are Signs, but no Coertion have

Upon Mens minds to make them Fool or Knave;

When Men ungrateful prove, not Heaven, but Hell,

Their Actions Fire. — So Lucifer first tell.

Which

Which had he kept his *place* wherein he was set,
He had continued *Son o'th' Morning* yet.

But, not contented with his *first estate*,
All others honours still repining at ;
And forcing himself further then the *Place*
God let him in, his *Universe* to grace :
Is soon, for his *Presumption*, tumbl'd down,
Instead of *Heaven* to wear *Hell* for his *Crown*.

Now let me, (being *Astrologer*) presage,
The like *Catastrophe* to those that rage,
And *Rave* 'gainst harmless *Scorpio*, (tooth and Nail)
As if the *Heaven's* the *Equals* were, to frail
And *Envious* Man : (A Bubble !) who to day,
Doth *siorm* like *Thunder*, to morow's turn'd to *Clay*.

On then *Aquarian's* ! with your *Envious* breath
(As at poor *Scorpio*,) try to out-rail *Death*.
Go on too *Piscians* ! with your *Slippery* tricks ;
You'l want a *Motion* for to baffle *STIX*.

The *Fatal River* warn's ye, make pour *Peace* ;
Ask *Heavens* Pardon, and your *Envy* Cease.

Mr. *Lilly's* Introd. p. 12. l. ult. If *Scorpio* Ascend
(in a Question) The Querunt is suspected and
tempted, but yet is honest.